

Idaho's Generation of the Child





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A Message from Dirk Kempthorne

GOVERNOR OF IDAHO



When I took office as Idaho's 30th Governor, I declared this the "Generation of the Child" to reflect my deep commitment to the future of our children. Since that time, Idaho has witnessed remarkable advancement in uniting the public and private sectors to achieve better results for our families and children.

State and local governments play an important role in the education, health and safety of our children. We must never forget, however, that government is no replacement for individual initiative and responsibility. Thanks to the visionary efforts of many dedicated parents, individuals, community organizations, businesses, and entities of state and local government, we are witnessing a renaissance in our focus on families and children. I want to thank all Idahoans who are uniting for this cause.

I am pleased to present this publication that highlights some of the progress made to ensure Idaho as a place where we can raise healthy, happy, and well-educated children. We are not creating new government programs. Instead, we are working to foster a social and political environment in which children and family issues can be properly addressed.

As you review this document, you will find that we have made significant progress. Public-private partnerships have been critical to that success, and they will continue to be important as we strive to enhance our resources further and to ensure that no Idaho child is overlooked.

I would like to thank all organizations and individuals who have contributed to this publication. We have accomplished much and our work continues. As guardians of this next generation, I call upon all Idahoans to renew their commitment to our future and to our children.

Sincerely,

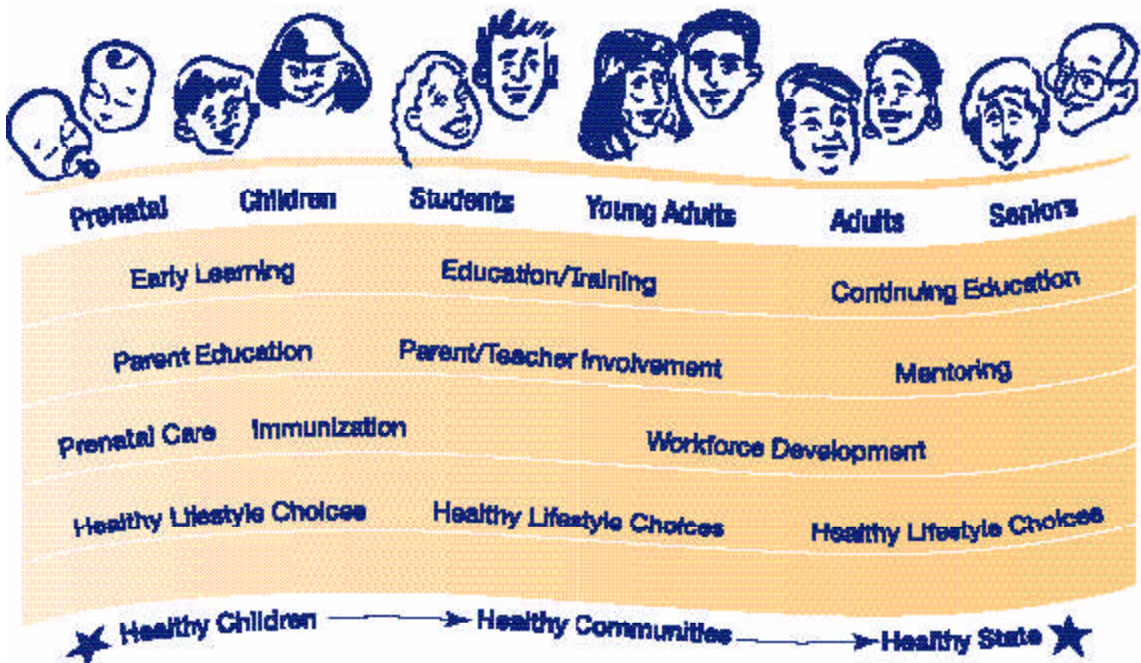
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GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE'S 'Generation of the Child' Continuum

"IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO DECLARE THIS THE 'YEAR OF THE CHILD.' WE MUST DECLARE IT THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' TO REFLECT OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO THEM AND TO OUR OWN FUTURE."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999



"ALL THESE EFFORTS ARE AN INVESTMENT. IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE THOSE CHILDREN THEN BECOME OUR ADULT POPULATION, AND BEFORE WE KNOW IT, THEY WILL BECOME THE DECISION-MAKERS."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne



The Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

"WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING GROUP OF IDAHOANS DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY AND IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. THERE ARE SOME TREMENDOUS THINGS HAPPENING ALL OVER IDAHO, AND THIS COUNCIL WILL SHARE IDEAS, VISIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
August 28, 2000

Governor Kempthorne established the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children by an executive order issued in April 2000. The Council is an integral part of the "Generation of the Child" Initiative. The purpose of the Council is to improve the well being of families and children by building partnerships, improving services and creating public awareness.

Governor Kempthorne appointed First Lady Patricia Kempthorne and Dr. Jerry Hirschfeld, Administrator of St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise, to serve as Co-Chairs of the Council. There are 45 members on the Council representing a variety of disciplines and geographic areas in Idaho.

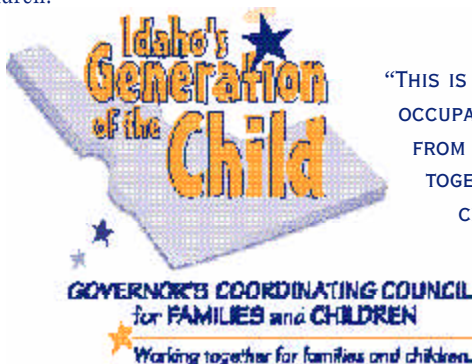
In his executive order, Governor Kempthorne set six objectives for the Council:

1. Maintain a comprehensive inventory of resources and programs serving families and children in Idaho.
2. Facilitate communication among individuals and organizations providing services to families and children.

3. Work with organizations/agencies/individuals to identify gaps in services to families and children.
4. Work with agencies/organizations/individuals to develop consistent, accurate, and timely collection and reporting of data to provide comprehensive statistical measurements on Idaho's families and children.
5. Develop strong state and local partnerships to foster and support results-based community programs.
6. Create a statewide awareness of the importance of healthy families and children.

Members of the Council represent Idaho's seven regions and include individuals from the Legislature, the judiciary, non-profit organizations, the Tribes, the departments of Health and Welfare, Education and Juvenile Corrections, youth, the clergy, minority groups, the media, private foundations, businesses, universities, and parents.

To learn more about the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, visit
www2.state.id.us/FirstLady/council.html.



"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WHERE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUNDS WITH DIFFERENT INTERESTS, AND FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, ARE COMING TOGETHER TO WORK ON THEIR COMMON CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN IDAHO, OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO AGENCY, BUT RATHER INTEREST TO INTEREST."

—Lindy High, Idaho Department of Education
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council
for Families and Children



GOVERNOR'S ROUNDTABLES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

"THIS ROUNDTABLE BRINGS TOGETHER A STRONG GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS NOT TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT FOR YOU (THE PARTICIPANTS) TO TELL US WHAT YOU NEED."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Governor's 1st Annual Roundtable for Families and Children, April 2000



More than 350 people from around the state working on behalf of families and children attended the Governor's First Annual Roundtable for Families and Children

in April 2000. The purpose of the Roundtable was to establish the direction for the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, inventory resources, and develop partnerships between state and local communities. Participants learned firsthand about the process of collaboration and successful models of community partnerships.

In addition to its on-going initiative efforts, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children sponsored the Governor's Second Annual Roundtable for Families and Children as part of Governor Kempthorne's "Generation of the Child"

Initiative. The Second Annual Roundtable brought together nearly 400 Idahoans with its central theme:



"linking issues to solutions, resources to resources, and people to people in the Spirit of Collaboration."

Roundtable participants discussed future Council developments, shared expertise, and learned new ways of collaboration. Those who attended participated in discussions by region and by discipline on specific issues concerning Idaho's families and children.

Participants generated a list of statewide issues and recommended these issues to the Council as priorities identified in Idaho communities. At the request of the Governor, the Council has prioritized that list and named substance abuse, mental health/health care, and early learning/education as areas to be addressed on behalf of Idaho's families and children.

"THE COLLABORATIONS FACILITATED BY THE GOVERNOR'S CREATION OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THE ANNUAL ROUNDTABLES ON THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' HAVE HAD MULTIPLE IMPACTS AROUND THE STATE. THEY HAVE BROUGHT ATTENTION TO AND AWARENESS OF MANY ISSUES THAT ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN—LEARNING DISABILITIES IS ONE EXAMPLE. THESE COLLABORATIONS HAVE PROMOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL NEEDS ASSESSMENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS. THEY HAVE CREATED POWERFUL CONNECTIONS AMONG AN ARRAY OF PERSPECTIVES, BELIEFS, POLITICS, AND EXPERTISE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE LIVES/LIVELIHOOD OF IDAHO'S FAMILIES AND CHILDREN."

—Hildy Ayer, *The Lee Pesky Center for Learning Enrichment*
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children





The Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children



"CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAVE AN INNATE POTENTIAL TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND FORM THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMMON GOOD. THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS BUFFERED BY MANY DISCIPLINES THAT CAN ENRICH OR IMPOVERISH THIS POTENTIAL OUTCOME. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF WHICH AREA WE NEED TO CONCENTRATE UPON TO MAKE OUR CHILDREN THE BEST THEY CAN BE; EVERY ELEMENT FROM EDUCATION TO HEALTH CARE, FINANCIAL SECURITY TO POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT, NURTURING FAMILIES TO SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES MUST CONTRIBUTE

THEIR BEST MEASURE TO PROVIDE THE BEST ENVIRONMENT TO MENTOR PRESENT AND FUTURE FAMILIES TO DEFINE THE BEST SOCIETY."

—Dr. Jerry Hirschfeld, St. Luke's Children's Hospital Administrator
Co-Chair of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children



"I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY ORDINARY CITIZENS DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN LIFE. IT TAKES GREAT EFFORT. THAT'S WHY I AM HAPPY TO APPLAUD THE GOVERNOR'S 'BRIGHTEST STARS AWARD' RECIPIENTS. THEY'RE THE REAL STORY."

—Adam West, television star (*Batman*)
and resident of Ketchum
2001 'Brightest Stars' Committee Member

'BRIGHTEST STARS AWARDS'

The Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children helped Governor Kempthorne, in cooperation with the Association of Idaho Cities, develop the "Brightest Stars Awards" in 2001. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations in Idaho that make a difference in the lives of Idaho's families and children. Idaho's adults and youth are invited to make nominations through their local mayor's office.

Mayors select three finalists—an individual, a business and an organization—to represent their community in the statewide awards campaign. Each finalist receives a "Brightest Stars Certificate" from the Governor. Three \$5,000 awards are given each year to an Idaho individual, organization, and business. Charitable foundations, which prefer to remain anonymous, contributed the prize money to fund the awards for five years.

"THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT WHERE IT BELONGS—ON THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD.' AND WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST OF MANY OF IDAHO'S 'BRIGHTEST STARS'—THE PEOPLE, GROUPS AND BUSINESSES WHO PROVE OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT IDAHO'S CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE. AND WHAT WE DO TODAY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR TOMORROW."

—Vickie Holbrook, Editor, *Idaho Press Tribune*, Nampa
2001 'Brightest Stars' Committee Member



The Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

"THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN HAS PROVIDED FOCUS AND IDENTIFIED THE CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR STATE. WITH THIS COMMON FOCUS, NON-PROFITS, GOVERNMENT AND THE BUSINESS SECTOR ARE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY MEET THESE NEEDS. WE ARE STILL JUST GETTING STARTED, BUT THE FUTURE IS FULL OF PROMISE FOR IDAHO TO BECOME THE MODEL STATE IN CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND ENABLING OUR FAMILIES TO BE SUCCESSFUL."

—Jim Everett, CEO, Boise YMCA,

Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children



GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL E-NEWSLETTER

The Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children E-Newsletter was created in 2001 as a mechanism to communicate and collaborate instantly with people across the state about issues and events that affect Idaho's families and children. It allows Idahoans in every corner of the state timely access to information about what is happening in the state and in their communities. Weekly submissions from individuals and organizations are accepted by the Governor's Coordinating Council for distribution via the newsletter.

Coupled with the use of computers by individuals in their place of business, the E-Newsletter has the potential to reach an overwhelming majority of Idahoans. Within just a few months after its launch, the E-Newsletter served more than 450 Idaho recipients. To receive the E-Newsletter, contact gcc@hornsales.com.

A key benefit of the E-Newsletter is its ability to link users to web-based applications. By linking with "Access Idaho's" web site—named by the Council of State Governments for 2000 the "best all around state government web site"—Idahoans can communicate quickly and easily at any level of government. They

can use the web as a research tool to find out whom to contact about an issue or to learn more about an issue brought to their attention through the E-Newsletter or the Coordinating Council's web site.

The E-Newsletter places Idaho's families and children at the forefront of a growing state and national trend toward the personal use of information technology.

The following is an example of an entry on the E-Newsletter about a volunteer event in southwest Idaho:

"For the fourth year, the non-profit agencies of Tech Corps Idaho and AMCEO Inc. are sponsoring the national event of 'Make a Difference Day' in SW Idaho. Space will be available to agencies for exhibiting information on child health and safety programs and health screenings. Free immunizations will be offered to infants and toddlers attending the event."



'ACCESS IDAHO'

- ★ The Gem State has a gem of a web site. "Access Idaho" won the National E-Government Leadership award, receiving recognition as the best all-around state government web site by the Council of State Governments for 2000, out of 200 other applicants.
- ★ In 2000, Idaho ranked 13th nationally for its progress in providing citizens with electronic access to government.
- ★ "Access Idaho" was recognized as one of the top 50 civic-oriented web sites for 2001 by Civic.com.

"THIS IS A GREAT COMMUNIQUÉ! I'M SENDING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS E-NEWSLETTER TO OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. KEEP GOOD THINGS ROLLING."

—Jim Rehder, Idaho Department of Correction, Orofino





Infants and Children



"IF YOU SEEK THE PROMISE OF A BRIGHT
FUTURE, LOOK INTO THE EYES OF A CHILD."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne





The Idaho Millennial Baby Birth Keepsake

A PROJECT OF THE HEALTHY MOTHERS,
HEALTHY BABIES COALITION OF IDAHO



Launched in partnership with Governor Kempthorne and Idaho's First Lady, the Millennial Birth Keepsake Project supports the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Idaho, Inc. This non-profit organization promotes activities and projects that affect the health of Idaho's children and those who care for them. The coalition honors Idaho's most valuable resource...children.

Children born during the Millennial year can be honored with the purchase of this frameable, personalized keepsake, and proceeds help support programs for mothers and children in Idaho.

As of September 2001, the Coalition sold 800 keepsakes generating funds for six small grants that support health education projects promoting the well being of Idaho's young children. Past Coalition grants have helped fund a variety of projects, including:

- ★ St. Luke's Rural Connection training for obstetrical nurses
- ★ Terry Reilly Health Services teen parenting classes
- ★ Education about Shaken Baby Syndrome



The Coalition supported the Early Years Conference in November 2001 and is sponsoring a presentation on the link between mothers' oral health and low birth weight babies at the February 2002 Idaho Perinatal Winter Conference for prenatal health care providers. Other 2002 focus areas include:

- ★ Prematurity prevention
- ★ Protection of at-risk children
- ★ Breastfeeding promotion and support
- ★ Education of key organizations and groups about issues important to the health of Idaho's women, infants, and young children



Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse

BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR IDAHO'S KIDS

The bilingual Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse is an award-winning web site developed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in October 1998. Its objective is to provide a single information access point for parents and caregivers of young children. The focus is on a child's first three years. The web site provides information on active parenting, childcare, early learning, health and wellness, immunizations, protecting children, and special needs. Topics

include information, for example, on newborn testing for a healthy baby, children's eye health and safety, the Idaho Safe Haven Act, and National Grandparents Day. The Clearinghouse provides articles about child development, current practices and research, and links to other web sites in Idaho and to national programs.

To find the Clearinghouse go to www.idahochild.org and look for the blue and yellow Brighter Futures for Idaho's Kids logo.



Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare administers the USDA's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) by contracting with local Health Districts and Indian Health Services. WIC serves infants and children under five years of age and low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum.

WIC's goal is to improve the health of women, infants, and children by providing at no cost:

- ★ **Nutritious supplemental food**—WIC works with more than 250 grocery stores across Idaho to provide nutritious foods to participants.
- ★ **Nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion and support**—Nutrition education is tailored to meet the needs of an individual or family and includes education on food budgeting, healthy nutrition during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and smart snacks for toddlers. Educational materials are available in English and Spanish.

★ **Referral to health care services**—WIC informs all participants about immunizations, substance abuse, dental health, and other services.

★ **Coordinate community activities**—Each WIC agency works closely within its local community to coordinate activities to provide free books for children, immunizations through WIC clinics, free dental screenings, and breastfeeding initiatives through local breastfeeding promotion councils.

In 2001, more than 32,000 Idahoans were served each month in 68 WIC clinics across the state. Through WIC, services were provided each month to more than 7,500 pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, 7,500 Idaho infants (about 40 percent of all infants born each month in Idaho), and 17,000 Idaho children under five years of age.





Immunizations

“WHEN YOU THINK OF A GENERATION YOU MUST THINK OF THE VERY FIRST DAYS, FROM BIRTH FORWARD. ONE OF THE KEY PARTS OF THAT HAS TO BE THE IMMUNIZATION OF THAT CHILD.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
March 25, 1999



Immunizations has been a cornerstone of Governor Kempthorne’s “Generation of the Child” Initiative. To help ensure that more Idaho children from birth to 35 months receive the full complement of vaccinations recommended by pediatricians, Governor Kempthorne successfully pushed for the creation of a *voluntary* immunization registry program that sends reminders to parents when shots are due. The computerized system allows parents to enter their children and their immunization histories into a secure database, only accessible to the family doctor, hospitals, and health districts. *The registry is strictly voluntary.* It is the parent who makes the decision to participate in the registry, and they can decide to opt out.

- ★ In 1999, Governor Kempthorne set a goal of reaching a 90 percent immunization rate for Idaho children under the age of 3. The Legislature supported the Governor by approving Senate Bill 1183, establishing the voluntary statewide immunization registry.
- ★ The registry, known as the Immunization Reminder Information System or IRIS, was launched in August 2000.
- ★ Governor Kempthorne declared April 2001 Idaho Infant Immunization Month.

- ★ One year after IRIS was launched, more than 93,000 infants and children were enrolled—35,400 of them were under the age of 3.
- ★ As of October 2001, the records of more than 74 percent of Idaho children under the age of 2 had been added to the registry. All seven state health districts are linked to the statewide registry.
- ★ Three of Idaho’s seven health districts have an immunization rate of 90 percent or above for their two-year-old clients as of fall 2001.
- ★ Two of Idaho’s six community migrant health centers have an immunization rate of 90 percent or above for their two-year-old clients as of fall 2001.
- ★ Governor Kempthorne signed into law the Public Health Services appropriations bill that included the Governor’s requested \$500,000 to increase immunizations and fully fund the purchase of chicken pox vaccines.
- ★ As of December 2001, IRIS contained more than 116,000 patient records and more than 1,130,000 vaccinations.



“NOT ONLY DO IMMUNIZATIONS KEEP CHILDREN FROM CONTRACTING DEBILITATING DISEASES, BUT MAKING SURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE THIS PROTECTION IS ESSENTIAL FOR ENSURING IDAHO HAS THE HEALTHY WORK FORCE IT NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne



IDAHO IMMUNIZE BY TWO COALITION

The Idaho Immunize By Two Coalition is a statewide collaboration of citizens, public and private health care organizations, childcare agencies, nurses, physicians, and public policymakers working together to decrease mortality and morbidity among children 0-24 months of age from vaccine-preventable disease. The Coalition works to reduce barriers and increase services for immunizations by linking and maximizing resources. With community collaboration, Immunize by Two provides parent and provider education, advocates for important health care issues affecting immunizations, and promotes IRIS. The coalition serves about 200,000 Idahoans annually. Immunize By Two has distributed more than 200,000 bibs and T-shirts promoting age-appropriate immunization through providers and public partners.



"IDAHO IS TO BE CONGRATULATED IN THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO HELP IDAHO'S CHILDREN. I AM SURE THE IMPACT OF THE INVESTMENT IDAHO IS MAKING TO IMPROVE INFANT IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE REALIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

—Lance Rodewald
Immunization Director
Centers for Disease Control, April 2001



"I KEPT WRITING 'JOHN'S SHOT' IN MY PLANNER, THEN I'D GET BUSY AND MOVE THE REMINDER TO THE NEXT DAY AND IT WOULD CONTINUE. BUT WHEN YOU GET A REMINDER IN THE MAIL, THAT MAKES YOU GET IN THERE, THAT MAKES YOU GET IN FOR YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION."

—Keri Perriogot
Working mother of two, Rupert

"COALITIONS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH DISTRICTS, STATE AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, INSURERS, AND SERVICE CLUBS IN COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE STATE ARE COLLABORATING THIS MONTH ON THEIR OWN "HEALTHY KIDS" CELEBRATIONS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION."

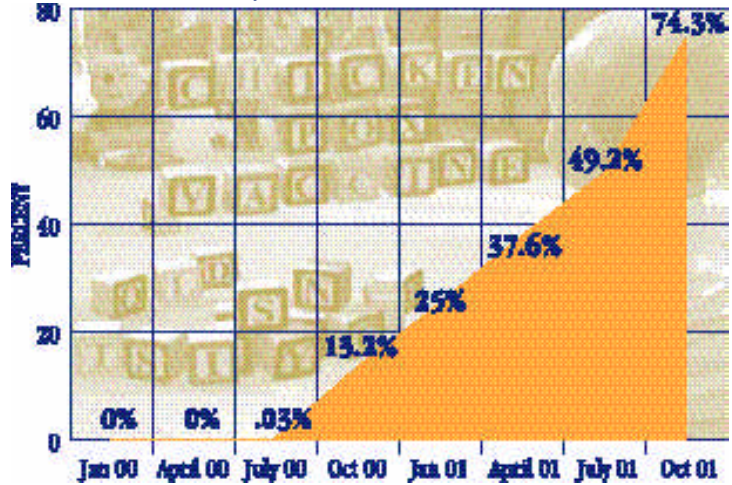
—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Idaho Infant Immunization Month
Proclamation, April 24, 2001

THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' IMMUNIZATION INTERNSHIP PROJECT

In conjunction with Idaho's First Lady, the Idaho Immunization Program partnered with Idaho State University and Boise State University to place health-educated graduate students in private physician offices. The interns help the physicians implement reminder/recall systems. In 2001, interns were assigned to private physicians' offices in southwestern and southeastern Idaho.

IRIS ENROLLMENT

Percent of children birth to 24 months enrolled*



*Based on 2-year cohort of 40,000



Seal Idaho

Governor Kempthorne promoted Seal Idaho 2000 and children's dental health during his State of the State address in January 2000. Seal Idaho 2000 was the largest *community* dental service project ever conducted in Idaho. The project goal was to provide free sealants to all second grade children who needed them. It was a collaborative effort between the Office of the Governor, the Idaho State Dental Association, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and District Health Departments, the Idaho Dental Hygienists' Association, schools, Delta Dental Plan of Idaho, Blue Cross of Idaho, and Oral Health America. *No state funds were used for this service project.*

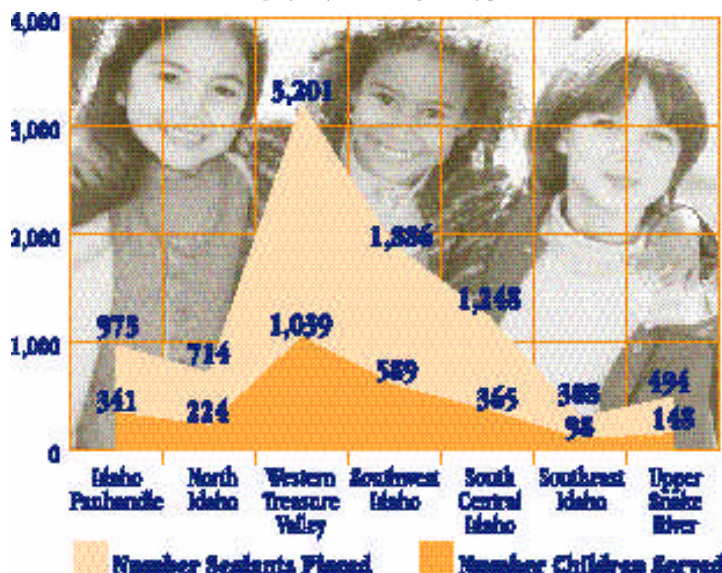
- ★ For many students, it represented their first trip to the dentist.
- ★ About 450 dentists volunteered for the project; many donated \$1,000 or more in services.
- ★ A total of 2,880 hours and services worth \$227,000 were donated to the project by Idaho dentists and their staff.

- ★ Almost 19,000 Idaho second graders received take-home information about the Seal Idaho 2000 project, the benefits of sealants, and early preventive dental care.
- ★ About one-third of second graders who didn't already have sealants received them free through the project.
- ★ Extensive media coverage was donated to the project including the airing of a public service announcement featuring the Governor.
- ★ Donations of sealant material and printing totaled \$57,500.

The Oral Health Program in Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare Division of Health continues to work with local dental societies to continue the sealant project. To assure that the project reached children most in need, the 2001 project was targeted to schools with a high proportion of low-income children.

During school year 2001, dentists in some areas of the state continued the Seal Idaho project on their own.

SEAL IDAHO RECAP





"I WAS IMPRESSED WITH DENTISTS' WILLINGNESS TO ATTEMPT TO DO A STATEWIDE SEALANT PROJECT. I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT THAT ORGANIZING A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE REQUIRES. ALL REPORTS I HAVE HEARD FROM SCHOOLS AROUND THE STATE THAT PARTICIPATED ARE VERY POSITIVE. THE PROJECT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. PARENTS AND STUDENTS REALLY APPRECIATED GETTING THE SEALANTS AND ENJOYED GOING TO THE NAMPA RECREATION CENTER."

—Robert Ranells, Superintendent
Bruneau Grandview Joint School District



"WE FEEL IT WAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SEAL CHILDREN'S TEETH AND PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME PREVENTATIVE CARE THAT THEY MAY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO EVER RECEIVE."

—Comment received from
a Post Falls dentist on the
follow-up survey



THE CARING FOUNDATION

In 2001, the Caring Foundation, a public charity, introduced a privately-funded program to provide uninsured children with a complete dental treatment plan, up to \$1,000 in a calendar year. The Caring Foundation will work in cooperation with a variety of state and local organizations, childcare programs, schools, and other resources to identify and enroll children in the program. A statewide expansion of the plan is intended for 2002. To provide these services, a contract has been established with Columbia Dental of Idaho. Organizations like the Caring Foundation demonstrate the vital role the private sector can play in addressing the health needs of Idaho children.

IDAHO ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The Idaho Oral Health Alliance held an Idaho Oral Health Summit in 2001 to create a shared vision for action among public and private stakeholders in improving access to dental services for Idaho families and children. Summit participants included legislators, policymakers, dental and medical health care providers, business and community leaders, educators and others.



"WHEN YOU ASK THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THIS STATE TO HELP OUR CHILDREN, THEY ENTHUSIASTICALLY ANSWER THE CALL."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 2000

"ORAL HEALTH HAS TAKEN A BACK SEAT TO MANY OTHER HEALTH ISSUES. GOOD ORAL HEALTH IMPACTS WHAT WE EAT, HOW WE INTERACT WITH PEOPLE, HOW WE DO OUR JOBS OR STUDY IN SCHOOL. IT AFFECTS HOW WE SLEEP AT NIGHT AND OUR SELF ESTEEM. FOR CHILDREN, POOR ORAL HEALTH CAN AFFECT THEIR PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL, THEIR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THEIR ACTUAL SUCCESS IN LIFE AS THEY GROW OLDER... WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH TODAY WILL HOPEFULLY BRIGHTEN THE SMILE OF OUR STATE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME."

—Karl Kurtz, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
2001 Oral Health Summit





Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)



"THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO MAKE SURE IDAHO'S CHILDREN GET A GOOD START IN LIFE THAN BY MAKING SURE THEY HAVE GOOD HEALTH CARE. CHIP PROVIDES QUALIFYING FAMILIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN GET THE HEALTH CARE THEY NEED. AND WITH A GREATER OUTREACH PROGRAM AND A MORE STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS, MORE FAMILIES ARE GETTING THEIR KIDS ENROLLED. CLEARLY CHIP IS A SOUND INVESTMENT IN IDAHO'S FUTURE."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne



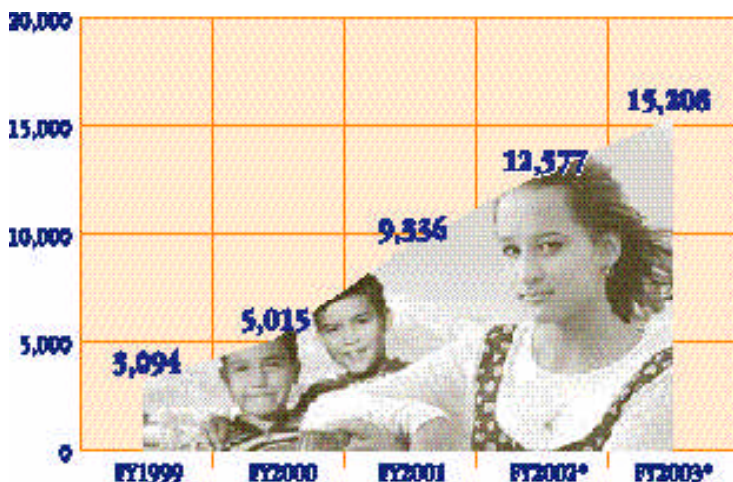
Idaho's Children's Health Insurance Program provides health insurance coverage to children in working families with income too high for Medicaid but too low to afford private family coverage. Known as CHIP, the program was implemented in Idaho in October 1997 through an expansion of the state's Medicaid program. To participate and ensure Idaho's children are presented with quality health care services, Idaho provides funds that are matched by the federal government. Every dollar Idaho spends on CHIP children is matched with \$4 from the federal government.

Children's Health Insurance Program

"OUR INTERVENTION, GUIDANCE, TESTING, AND EDUCATING WILL ALL HAVE A DIRECT CORRELATION IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF IDAHO. EVERY CHILD WE REACH OUT AND TOUCH, EVERY CHILD WE HELP TO LEAD A BETTER LIFE IS GOING TO PAY OFF IN THE FUTURE."

—Karl Kurtz, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
2001 Early Years Conference

AVERAGE MONTHLY CHIP ENROLLMENT



*Projected

The fiscal year (FY) begins July 1 and ends June 31.

Idaho's Generation of the Child



- ★ As part of his “Generation of the Child” declaration in 1999, Governor Kempthorne asked Idaho’s Department of Health and Welfare to begin a major initiative to enroll every eligible Idaho child in CHIP. This broad-based initiative included simplification of the enrollment process and implementation of new community outreach programs in the fall of 1999.
- ★ Community partnerships are a key strategy in the successful implementation of CHIP. This includes a broad-based effort involving representatives from the executive and legislative branches of state government, as well as agencies that work with children, local communities, and leaders from businesses and health care.
- ★ Collaborative efforts are definitely paying off for Idaho’s children. The number of CHIP children has more than doubled since November 1999, when there were 4,354 Idaho children enrolled in CHIP. In August

2001, the number of children covered by CHIP had grown to 11,487. That is only part of the story. Growth in the total number of children covered by CHIP and other Medicaid programs jumped from 57,000 in November 1999 to more than 94,000 in August 2001.

- ★ The significant increase in enrollment in the last few years, is in large part, a result of the following:

- ☆ Simplifying the application form
- ☆ Implementing 12-month continuous eligibility
- ☆ Mail-in applications
- ☆ Allowing self-declaration of income and assets
- ☆ Simplifying the renewal process

- ★ Public education and community grassroots outreach efforts have helped boost enrollment. This includes a community education campaign that relays key messages to local areas. Part of this campaign includes the coordination of outreach and education, for example, with the Idaho Immunize by Two Coalition, Healthy Outcomes for Youth, Idaho Head Start, local schools, and many other organizations working with families and children.



HEALTHY OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH (HOY)

A project of Mountain States Group, Inc., Healthy Outcomes for Youth (HOY) is part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s national Covering Kids initiative. Established in 1999, HOY works to increase low-income children’s enrollment in available health coverage programs, including CHIP.

HOY works throughout Idaho, and on a more focused basis in the pilot communities of Kootenai and Canyon counties. A lead organization—Terry Reilly Clinic in Canyon County and Kootenai Medical Center in Kootenai County—directs each pilot community’s activities. The project is advised and assisted at both the statewide and community level by coalitions that include representatives from state government, medical providers, businesses, and advocates for children. Project staff coordinate closely with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare staff responsible for health coverage programs.



Parents as Teachers

"I AM RECOMMENDING TO THE LEGISLATURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGGRESSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. THERE ARE EXCELLENT PROGRAMS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. I WANT TO PURSUE ESTABLISHING, STATEWIDE, A PROGRAM THAT IS MODELED AFTER PARENTS AS TEACHERS. THIS POSITIVE PROGRAM, THAT WILL BE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY, AFFIRMS TO PARENTS THAT THEY ARE THEIR CHILDREN'S FIRST AND BEST TEACHERS. AND IT, THROUGH A STRONG PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, HELPS PARENTS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SCIENTIFIC DATA THAT EXISTS ON HOW WE CAN ALL IMPROVE OUR SKILLS IN THE AREA OF PARENTING. MANY STATES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS APPROACH HAVE ALSO FOUND A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN CHILD ABUSE—WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTE TO THIS SORT OF VOLUNTARY EFFORT, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 1999

Governor Kempthorne's "Generation of the Child" Initiative and the interest of the Legislature initiated the University of Idaho Parent Education Demonstration Project in 1999. Through Extension services, a *voluntary* parent education program was developed—using the Parents as Teachers (PAT) curriculum—that helps parents of young children develop their skills as their children's "first and best teachers."

PAT was originally created as a service to support and assist parents in their children's development, prenatal to age 3. It provides parents with the information and support they need to give their children the best possible start in life. PAT programs include personal visits by a professionally trained parent educator, free developmental screenings, group meetings on a wide variety of child rearing topics, and help in finding resources beyond PAT's scope.

- ★ The University of Idaho PAT Project is under the direction of First Lady Patricia Kempthorne, with an advisory Steering Committee comprised of representatives from the Office of the Governor, University of Idaho Demonstration Project, the Governor's AmeriCorps Initiative, and United Way's Success by Six.
- ★ The University of Idaho PAT project is one of the largest university involvements in a PAT project in the nation.
- ★ At the end of the program's first year, the Governor's Office extended the program to children ages 3–5, recognizing the important role PAT could play in developing school readiness.
- ★ In March 2001, funds were provided to support a 13th program, (12 were funded in the initial contract) affording the project better representation in the northern portion of the state.
- ★ In May 2001, increased funding enabled additional parent educators to serve more families, including families from the waiting list.
- ★ The PAT program office collaborated with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Infant Toddler Program to develop an interagency agreement that supports parent educators and Infant Toddler Program staff in serving families. Working together, the two programs can improve services to families in rural communities.
- ★ The University of Idaho Demonstration Project includes an evaluation component to determine how well PAT fits the needs of Idaho families. A group, including representatives of the Office of the Governor, Idaho state legislators, the departments of Education and Health and Welfare, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Success by Six, and the University of Idaho met in early 2000 to begin identifying evaluation criteria.



- ★ By the end of 2001, thirty-seven program sites sponsored by the University of Idaho Parent Education Demonstration Project, Idaho's departments of Education and Health and Welfare, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, and United Way's Success by Six will have been established throughout the state. More than 1,300 families, and about 1,600 children, are enrolled in the programs.
- ★ The University of Idaho Parent Education Demonstration Project continues to grow. As of September 2001, enrollment reached 268 families, including 45 expectant parents and 26 teen parents. The total number of children served was 397. Waiting lists are extensive across the state.
- ★ The Governor's Office awarded the Demonstration project funds to extend the program through August 2002.

"THIS IS A LIVELY RESEARCH AREA WITH LOTS OF HIGH QUALITY WORK. WE ARE LEARNING NEW THINGS EVERY DAY, SO IT IS A DOUBLE THRILL TO HAVE POLICYMAKERS FOCUSING ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT. IDAHO'S 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' INITIATIVE HAS MAGNIFIED THE STATE'S ROLE IN STEPPING FORWARD TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR IDAHO'S FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND HAS INCREASED OUR STATE'S AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF CHILDREN AS A RESOURCE IN IDAHO. "

—Harriet Shaklee, Extension Family Development Specialist, University of Idaho



"AS A FATHER, MY ROLE AS A CAREGIVER FOR TWO BOYS AGES 5 YEARS OLD AND 7 MONTHS OLD HAS BEEN GREATLY ENRICHED BY THE PAT PROGRAM. I ONLY WISH I HAD THE SAME INFORMATION WHEN MY FIRST SON WAS AN INFANT."

—Father, Whitney

"I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK ON MY PARENTING TECHNIQUES. ESPECIALLY LIVING IN A SMALLER RURAL COMMUNITY, IT'S NICE TO HAVE A PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO PARENTS THAT ISN'T LIMITED TO NEWBORNS."

—Mother, Kuna

"PARENT EDUCATION IS VITAL TO STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND REMINDING PARENTS THAT THEY ARE THEIR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHERS. AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL, EXTENSION SERVICES CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING THE WELL BEING OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN IDAHO. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND CARING."

—Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne



"IN WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, I AM VERY ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE CHANGES FOR IDAHO'S CHILDREN. OTHERS WORKING IN OUR FIELD ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE ENERGY AND SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY. THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE PROVIDES A FOCUS. HE HAS SET VERY HIGH GOALS AND HAS SUPPORTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF US TO STRENGTHEN IDAHO'S FAMILIES."

—Diane Demarest, PAT Demonstration Project Coordinator



The Governor's Parents as Teachers Family Initiative

AMERICORPS PROJECT

Initiating in September 1999, the Governor's Parents as Teachers (PAT) Family Initiative AmeriCorps Project's mission is to partner with host sites providing *voluntary* family support and parent education to the families of Idaho. The initiative provides information to the Office of the Governor to assess the effectiveness and success of the Parents as Teachers program in Idaho.

- ★ AmeriCorps members assist the PAT host sites and parent educators with many tasks. They make home visits to help parent educators or read to siblings who are not part of the program. They plan, implement, and attend parent group meetings, coordinate materials, and obtain donations from their communities to aid families in their areas.
- ★ Some sites choose to train AmeriCorps members as certified parent educators so they can serve more families in their area. This is done at the host site's expense. AmeriCorps members also organize community service projects that benefit a broad range of citizens. Members gain valuable job skills while obtaining knowledge of child development and family education during their year of service.
- ★ AmeriCorps members receive a small stipend for their year of service. On completion of their service hours, they also receive an education award. Full-time members receive \$4,725. Part-time members receive \$2,363.
- ★ In the first two years of the project, 17 members completed their year of service and received education awards. In the 2000–2001 project year, four members returned for a second term of service. In the 2001–2002 project year, seven members returned for a second term of service. AmeriCorps members may complete two terms of service.
- ★ During the last two project years, AmeriCorps members helped reach an average of 1,184 families in Idaho PAT. They attended 477 group meetings and 488 home visits. They disseminated family education information by facilitating community presentations. AmeriCorps members have planned and implemented more than 70 service projects using 685 community volunteers. These community service projects reached thousands of Idaho families with information and services.
- ★ Funds for this initiative are provided through a federal grant from the Commission for National and Community Service. No state general funds are used for this project. Through corporate donations, grantees provide 15 percent match money, used for member stipends. Host sites also provide in-kind match in the form of supervision, computer usage, mileage, office supplies, and other AmeriCorps member expenses. The grantee supplies in-kind fiscal support.

“SERVING AS AN AMERICORPS MEMBER HAS SHOWN ME THAT EACH PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. WE ALL HAVE THE CHANCE TO HELP BUILD STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES. WE JUST HAVE TO SCOOP UP THE OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE.”

—PAT Initiative AmeriCorps member, served two years



Idaho Head Start

EVERYDAY IS A HEAD START DAY

As of September 2001, Idaho Head Start programs provided services for 3,725 of Idaho's families. In 1999, the Idaho Legislature directed a portion of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant toward the expansion of Head Start programs in Idaho. This funding allowed Idaho Head Start to reach 221 additional families and added one classroom to each Head Start program. This effort, along with Governor Kempthorne's commitment to Parents as Teachers, enhanced the services and resources available to Idaho Head Start's families and helped the Head Start community participate in the Governor's "Generation of the Child" Initiative.

★ **For the children**—Idaho Head Start is noted for its individualized approach to quality child development and school readiness. Services that are key components of the program include socialization, health screening, dental and nutritional care, and mental health services. Head Start partners with the Idaho Department of Education to provide quality services to the children enrolled in the Even Start program.

★ **For the family**—Idaho Head Start recognizes that parents are the child's primary teacher. This important role is strengthened and supported by assisting families in setting personal goals and developing parenting skills. The program also provides adult education, job readiness skills, and on-the-job training for parent volunteers. Head Start partners with the Idaho's Parents as Teachers program to deliver home visit education information.

★ **For the community**—Idaho Head Start parents provide more than \$4 million in volunteer services to the community. The program is a learning site for college students majoring in Education, Communication, Social Work, Health, and Social Science. Parents and staff participate in community efforts such as "soup kitchens," "paint the town," and "adopt a highway" projects. Parents are more involved when their child enters school because of their participation in Head Start.

When a community adds a Head Start program, funding remains in that community for staff salaries and benefits, purchase of gasoline for student transportation and home visits, groceries for children's meals, rent for facilities, repairs maintained by local contractors, and the purchase of playground equipment and school supplies. Program funding in 2001 offered about \$100,000 per classroom.

★ **For Idaho**—Idaho Head Start brings more than \$20 million into the Idaho economy. It provides a benchmark for quality preschool and childcare services and public awareness relating to better early childhood and childcare systems. In 2001, Head Start employed 650 full- and part-time workers, many of whom began as Head Start parents.

★ **For the future**—Idaho Head Start's benefits to society are long term. The program saves Idaho taxpayers \$7 for every \$1 spent on children enrolled in the program. Idaho Head Start serves as a successful prevention program reducing high school dropout rates, special education placements, and incidents of child abuse. The program aids in lowering costs associated with welfare, juvenile delinquency, treatment, and prisons.



Idaho Infant Toddler Program

Idaho's Infant Toddler Program is a statewide, coordinated system of early intervention services for children from birth to three years of age. The program benefits children who are experiencing developmental delays, are at risk of having a developmental delay, or have been diagnosed with a medical condition that may lead to a developmental delay.

Each family receives individualized services. Some fill out questionnaires and receive

information about their child's development; some children need direct services to help them participate in daily activities; and some children receive services at home, in childcare settings, or at a developmental center. Parents play an active role in helping decide what services are appropriate for their children.

Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare is the lead agency in this interagency system and provides the following services:

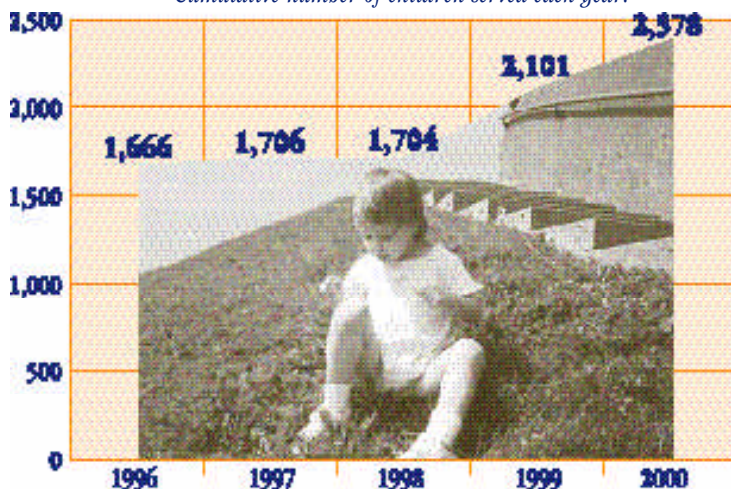
★ **Developmental Monitoring and Child Find**—As of September 2001, about 5,750 Idaho infants and toddlers, who are at-risk of having a developmental delay, were enrolled in developmental monitoring in which parents receive questionnaires three to four times a year. District Health Departments administer this monitoring program.

★ **Early Intervention Services**—In 2000, about 2,380 infants and toddlers with developmental delays, disabilities, or chronic health problems, and their families were served through the provisions of Individualized Family Service Plans. The program has experienced a 30 percent growth in the number of children served since 1999. Services provided include special instruction, speech-language therapy, physical therapy, and hearing services.

★ **Blended Certificate Approval**—Efforts toward a comprehensive system of personnel support by the Idaho Infant Toddler Program include the approval of a new educational certificate that "blends" the curriculum and practices of Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Educators. The State Board of Education approved

PROGRAM GROWTH, 1996–2000

Cumulative number of children served each year.



Idaho Infant Toddler Program



the certificate in 2000, and developed standards to align with Idaho's Maximizing Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) effort. The National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council on Exceptional Children's Division of Early Childhood approved the certificate in 2001. The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation is providing scholarships for students in the Blended Certificate studies.

★ **Comprehensive Self Assessment and Improvement Planning**—In collaboration with the Idaho Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education, the

Idaho Infant Toddler Program completed a statewide self-assessment of early intervention and special education services and systems. Organized in Cluster Teams, more than 100 Idahoans conducted the assessment. These teams included members of the Steering Committee, school personnel, parents, tribal representatives, health districts, migrant programs, Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, university personnel, and Head Start programs. Improvement planning is underway through the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.

★ **Interagency Agreements and Collaborative Protocol**—Consistent with the Idaho Infant Toddler Program's collaborative approach to an interagency system of services,

working protocols were developed and approved with each region of the state and local Parents as Teacher's (PAT) programs. The documents outline referral protocol and staff procedures to be followed when children receive PAT home-visiting and other early intervention services.

★ **Newborn Hearing Screening**—Newborn hearing screenings are available to 95 percent of Idaho births at hospitals. Idaho Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Project, "Sound Beginnings," was funded by a federal Maternal and Child Health grant. The Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing administers grant funds. The project supports an increased number of hospitals to provide hearing screenings.

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"THE EXPERTISE AND DEDICATION OF JOHN'S EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM HAS MADE HIM THE CHILD HE IS TODAY. EARLY THERAPY HAS GIVEN JOHN THE CHANCE TO GROW INTO A FUNCTIONAL, CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF HUMANITY. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE PROGRAM AND THE THERAPISTS THAT HAVE CHANGED HIS LIFE AND OURS."

—Mother of child with arthrogryposis, Caldwell



IDAHO INFANT TODDLER INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

"Maximize the potential of every young child"

Idaho's Infant Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council advises and assists the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and other agencies in Idaho with the implementation of the Infant Toddler Program. The Council is governor-appointed and makes recommendations about appropriate services for children from birth through 5 years of age.

The Council reviews emerging issues and supports family-centered partnerships that guide early intervention and prevention activities in natural settings. Seven regional Infant Toddler Committees have been established to ensure responsiveness to the local needs of Idaho families.



Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children

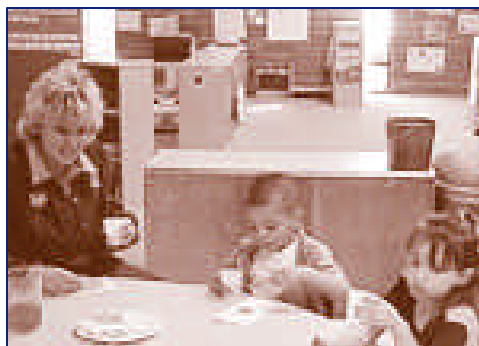
“WE MUST STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FAMILY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR DESTINY TO GREATNESS. WE ARE IDAHOANS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 2000

The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) is a group of early childhood educators and other professionals, parents, and students who share concern for young children and for providing quality early childhood programs and services. Idaho AEYC is the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the largest early childhood organization in the United States.

- ★ Idaho AEYC supported 64 scholarships in 2001 offered through T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps). These scholarships help Idahoans working in early care and education pursue a Child Development Associate credential or an Associate degree in early childhood through an Idaho college or university. Scholarships offered through Idaho's AEYC Scholarship Project are funded by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, the Keveren Foundation, and Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare.
- ★ In 2001, through a collaboration grant, Idaho AEYC established a fund to assist early care and education programs in paying for consistent school substitutes when staff pursue professional development activities related to child development.
- ★ In 2001, through collaboration funds, Idaho AEYC teamed up with Channel 6 television station in Boise to develop a public service announcement that promotes the importance of educated caregivers in Idaho's group care of young children.

- ★ Idaho AEYC is developing a Professional Development Model that will provide early childhood professionals a system for receiving continued education and training. It is compiling information on early childhood programs offered through Idaho colleges for those interested in pursuing degrees in the field.
- ★ Through coordination with the Early Childhood Collaborative Effort group, Idaho AEYC awarded the Healthy Child Care America grant. This project's goals include:
 - ☆ Establishing three collaborative groups to implement strategies to improve Idaho children's health as defined by National Health and Safety performance standards
 - ☆ Establishing Health Consultant teams who will be trained through the Training Institute for Children's Health Consultants; and
 - ☆ Increasing Idaho CHIP and Medicaid enrollment by 10 percent.



Idaho State Library Reading Programs

“READING IS THE MOST BASIC AND MOST IMPORTANT SKILL FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 1999



READ TO ME

To support activities related to school readiness at both the state and local level, the Idaho State Library developed and implemented the Read to Me project in 1997. The program goals are:

- ★ To help parents and childcare providers understand the value and joy of reading aloud to their children from birth on and to use the library as a valuable community resource for reading
- ★ To foster and promote community-supported reading projects for at-risk children and their families
- ★ To help libraries and community partners across the state establish on-going partnerships to encourage family reading
- ★ To provide grants for local public library outreach programs, training in emergent literacy for librarians and their community partners, and materials to support reading events

To provide the Read to Me project, the State Library collaborates with many agencies and organizations including the Office of the Governor, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Public Television, the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Idaho Head Start Association, and the Idaho Council of International Reading.



- ★ In 1998, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation granted the Idaho State Library funds to support Read to Me for three years. The grant allowed the State Library to expand project activities both statewide and in five selected communities. In 2001, the Legislature provided state funds for Read to Me for the 2002 state fiscal year.
- ★ The State Library works closely with many rural Idaho libraries to develop and implement Read to Me outreach programs.
- ★ More than 50 teams of librarians and their community partners participated in Raising Readers workshops in September 2001. Once trained, these teams will reach more than 1,000 parents and childcare providers in their communities to promote Read to Me activities.
- ★ New Read to Me initiatives include Idaho Child Care Reads which offers training and books to childcare providers and “Idaho Guys Read” which promotes reading by men to boys and trains men to become role models for literacy.

“AS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AND RESEARCHER, I HAVE DISTRIBUTED AND SHOWN OFF YOUR MATERIALS AS THE BEST EARLY LITERACY CAMPAIGN I HAVE SEEN. IT PUTS THE ONUS ON THE ADULTS, WHERE IT BELONGS, AND IS CLEAR, CLEVER, AND COMPREHENSIVE. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.”

—Steffen Saifer, Professor, Portland State University, Oregon



“COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS ARE KEY TO WHAT’S BEING DONE. OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS HELPED THE STATE LIBRARY REACH OUT TO HISPANIC FAMILIES AND PROVIDE NEEDED PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE ‘YOUNG READERS’ PROGRAM. COLLABORATIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL ARE BRINGING TOGETHER THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE LIBRARIANS, TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES, AND IT’S FUN TO SEE THE EXCITEMENT THAT BUILDS AROUND READING AND SEE GREAT PROJECTS DEVELOP AS A RESULT. BY VIRTUE OF HAVING SO MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS, MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION IS TAKING PLACE TO GET THINGS DONE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.”

—Peggy McClendon, Special Projects Coordinator, Idaho State Library



“THE LIBRARY PROGRAM HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD FOR THESE CHILDREN. THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SOUTH BANNOCK DISTRICT LIBRARY IN DOWNEY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HELPED TRIPLE THE AMOUNT OF TIME PARENTS SPENT READING TO THE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.”

—Char Short, Director of the Marsh Valley School District Developmental Preschool Program

“THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY’S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE STATE LIBRARY LENDS TREMENDOUS VISIBILITY TO OUR PROGRAMS AND HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN SEEKING STATE FUNDING FOR OUR PROJECTS. THE FIRST LADY’S DEDICATION TO PROMOTING IDAHO’S SUMMER READING PROGRAM HAS HELPED GET OUR MESSAGE OUT, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES WHERE LIBRARIES ARE CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HER SUPPORT HAS HELPED INCREASE PARTICIPATION.”

—Stephanie Bailey-White, Public Information Officer, Idaho State Library



READ TO ME MAKES IMPACT

A high school student in Nampa’s Teen Parent Program believes the Read to Me program has had a big impact on her son:

“I wouldn’t have thought to read to him at such a young age because I was never read to. I learned about the importance of reading to your child right away. My son has a longer attention span now. He will sit and listen through a whole story.”

Her son was not the only one to benefit from the Read to Me Program. The teen mother admits, “Before this year, I hated to read, but by reading to my son I have really learned how to read for fun. Because of the program, I have started reading myself.”

Both the Nampa teen and her son now attend Nampa Public library’s summer reading programs.





SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer Reading Programs are held in public libraries across Idaho with a focus on reading for pleasure. The Idaho Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the State Library and the Office of the Governor, provides a free theme-based planning manual and materials to all public libraries in the state each year. The Idaho State Library participates in a consortium with 13 other states and collaborates to develop planning manuals and incentives for summer reading programs in Idaho based on reading-related themes each year.

- ★ In 2000, eighty-one local public libraries served 18,522 children at summer reading programs. This was a 27 percent increase over 1999.
- ★ In 2001, more than 90 local public libraries served over 20,000 children at summer reading programs. This was a 11 percent increase over 2000 figures.



- ★ In 2001, as part of the Governor's "Generation of the Child" Initiative, libraries that kept track of the number of fourth graders who read six or more books during the summer received hardback books from the Office of the Governor to use as give-away prizes.
- ★ 972 books were put in the hands of children through the Governor and First Lady's Book Give-away Program funded through the "Generation of the Child" Initiative in 2001.
- ★ The Idaho State Library also sponsors Idaho Family Reading Week each November to focus attention on how families and communities can make reading an important part of daily life. This effort is supported by the Governor and the First Lady, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Idaho Council of the International Reading Association, Idaho Public Television, and others in the Idaho education community.
- ★ Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne served as Summer Reading Ambassador during Idaho Summer Reading Program 2001. The summer program used the theme, "Reading Road Trip USA." The First Lady traveled across the state to read to children and promote the power of summer reading. She visited public libraries from Moscow to Buhl. On the first day, the Moscow branch of the county library had more than 200 children sign up.
- ★ Mayors throughout Idaho support summer reading programs in public libraries by challenging elementary students to read one book per week for the 22 weeks of summer vacation.

"STRONG LITERACY SKILLS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. READING ALOUD IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING PARENTS CAN DO TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL. LIBRARIES ARE A GREAT PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN TOGETHER."

—Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne



IDAHO LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

The State Library, in partnership with the Idaho Humanities Council, promotes Idaho Let's Talk About It—a reading and discussion series for adults. Participating libraries choose from more than 100 books and 13 themes including themes that explore American history and culture, cultural diversity, literature of Idaho and the American West, working, family, and aging. The State Library schedules program speakers, loans multiple copies of books to libraries, and provides publicity and theme materials through a web site devoted to this project. More than 1,000 Idahoans attended Idaho Let's Talk About It programs in 2000–2001—a 30 percent increase over the previous year.



LIBRARIES LINKING IDAHO

Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI) is a joint project of the Idaho State Library and the Idaho library community. It is a web site developed to link databases and other resources useful to library patrons and staff. LiLI provides a directory of Idaho libraries, their catalogs and web sites. The program is instrumental in helping libraries across the state share resources.

- ★ LiLI connects Idaho citizens to thousands of full-length magazine, newspaper, reference, and encyclopedia articles.
- ★ All Idaho school districts, city and district libraries, and publicly-funded academic libraries have LiLI database accounts.
- ★ Idaho citizens have viewed or printed over 1.6 million articles since January 1999.



'YOUNG READERS' PROGRAM

Idaho Public Television donated 1,400 books written in Spanish for children participating in the "Young Readers" Program in 2001. The "Young Readers" Program is provided through the Idaho State Library in partnership with the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. Since 1999 Idaho Public Television has made books available, free-of-charge, to the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs for children participating in the "Young Readers" Program. As part of the program each child is given his or her own book to keep.



TALKING BOOKS

As part of the State Library's service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the State Library offers Talking Books. These are books and magazines that have been recorded on cassette tapes and discs. The State Library also provides necessary equipment for Idahoans of all ages who are unable to read standard printed materials.



GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER

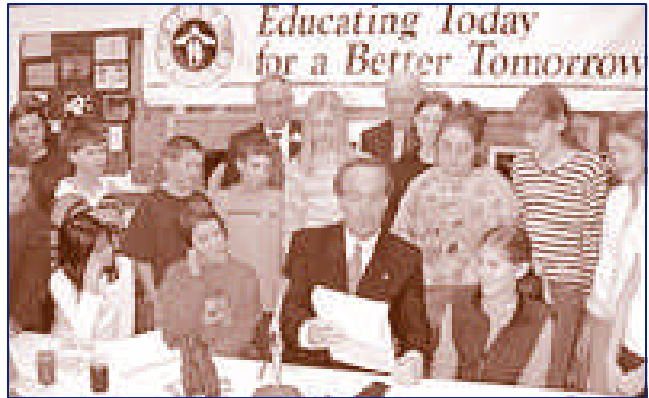
The Idaho State Library's Government Information Center provides assistance to state employees and officials who need job-related information. Services include providing requested materials from the State Library's collection of books, periodical articles, and government publications; maintaining a comprehensive collection of Idaho state government publications; and purchasing library materials to support the work of state employees.



Idaho Department of Education

“LET US EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN SO THEY ARE PROPERLY PREPARED FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM. OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS ARE EQUAL TO THE TASK AND REALIZE THEY HAVE A SPECIAL CALLING.

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999



Education is and has been a top priority for Governor Kempthorne. The governor and the Legislature are working to promote a “seamless” Idaho education, beginning in early childhood and extending beyond college graduation. That commitment is realized in record levels of state funding for education. Efforts also include establishing a progressive reading initiative to ensure that all children read at grade level by the third grade. Under the leadership of Governor Kempthorne, the State Board of Education developed statewide curricula and the means to assess student progress and funded capital projects at each state college and university. Teacher salaries were increased to help school districts recruit and retain quality teachers.

should master. The Legislature launched the *Idaho Reading Initiative* with a \$4 million annual appropriation that supports:

- ★ Identification and monitoring of struggling readers through twice yearly testing
- ★ Extra instruction for below-grade-level students
- ★ Training for current and new teachers in the latest reading research and proven instructional practice

Test scores show that although in its infancy, the initiative is making a difference in identifying students reading below grade level early and helping to improve their reading skills.



IDAHO READING INITIATIVE

In 1999, the Legislature embraced the Governor’s goal of ensuring all Idaho students learn to read well by the end of third grade. It identified the “Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan” as the reference document for specific reading skills that Idaho students



‘IDAHO READING INDICATOR’

Idaho’s reading assessment, the “Idaho Reading Indicator,” was developed as part of the initiative and has been recognized nationally as a valuable tool for teachers.

“READING IS THE MOST BASIC AND MOST IMPORTANT SKILL FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND IS MY HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999



SUPPORTING NEW TEACHERS

Recognizing that the first three years in the classroom are some of the most challenging for new teachers, the Idaho Legislature appropriated \$2 million to local districts to establish or expand support for new educators. The program began in fall 2001 in districts across the state.



Governor Kempthorne congratulates the first GIANTS (Governor's Industry Awards for Notable Teaching in Science) Award to Mark Purdy, a teacher at Borah High School.



RECOGNIZING TEACHER EXCELLENCE

In 1999, the Legislature recognized that maximizing opportunities for student learning hinges on placing a competent, caring, qualified teacher in every Idaho classroom and rewarding master teachers.

- ★ Lawmakers approved an incentive award for teachers who complete the rigorous National Board of Professional Teaching Certification process. The award provides a \$2,000 annual bonus for five years.
- ★ With more than 200 teachers earning the certification, Idaho ranked ninth in the nation in 2001 for number of National Board Certified teachers.



GROW YOUR OWN IDAHO TEACHER

In recognizing the need for bilingual teachers, Governor Kempthorne proposed a measure in 2000 and 2001 to secure funding for the "Grow Your Own Teacher" program. The Legislature fully funded the Governor's request in 2001. The program provides multi-cultural educational opportunities to Idahoans by providing scholarship support for the completion of an Associate or Bachelor degree in education with a bilingual and English as a Second Language endorsement. The program allows participants to become certified teachers while remaining employed by a school district and continuing to contribute to their community.



PARENT OUTREACH

The State Department of Education has initiated several projects to support parent involvement in education and schools:

- ★ Superintendent Marilyn Howard's "Dinner and a Book" Initiative encourages parents to spend 20 minutes in conversation with their children around the dinner table and 20 minutes reading together. The initiative includes brochures, web sites, books and other materials.
- ★ The Department offers training to school districts on how to involve parents in improving their children's math skills.
- ★ A new driver's education manual is available to parents who supervise teen drivers during a statutory probationary period.
- ★ The Department's web site has a special section devoted to issues of interest to parents.

"WE HAVE BROKEN NEW GROUND IN READING ON MANY FRONTS. IDAHO'S FOCUSED GOAL OF MOVING ALL K-3 STUDENTS TO GRADE-LEVEL PROFICIENCY IS THE MOST THOROUGH IN THE NATION. OUR STANDARD-BASED INDICATOR PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE SKILLS MOST PREDICTIVE OF READING SUCCESS."

—Dr. Marilyn Howard
State Superintendent of Public Instruction



FAMILY LITERACY INITIATIVE

Through the Family Literacy Initiative project the State Department of Education has accomplished the following:

- ★ Established standards for education programs aimed at parents and young children
- ★ Created a parent involvement manual for schools
- ★ Provided trained volunteers to assist school districts with community literacy programs



ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS

- ★ In 2000, the Legislature adopted new achievement standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in language arts and communications, mathematics, social studies, science and health. Unlike most states, Idaho provided \$8 million to local schools to begin the process of incorporating the standards into local curriculum.
- ★ To assist school districts during the implementation phase, the Department of Education established traveling teams in the areas of orientation, curriculum alignment, data analysis and interpretation, instructional design and implementation, monitoring, and evaluation and renewal.
- ★ During 2002, the state will finalize its plan to assess student mastery of the essential knowledge identified by the standards and establish a comprehensive accountability system.
- ★ The new standards and assessments will position Idaho's education system to prepare students for the future. These changes will enhance a state system that already educates students who consistently score above the national average on standardized basic skills tests, international and national math and science tests, and college entrance exams.



BUILDING CHARACTER

Idaho schools build character with a focus on the "4Rs: Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, and Relationships."

- ★ The State Department of Education offers training and grants to assist schools and communities in working together to plan their approach to character education.
- ★ The department has created a "Voices of Citizenship" course of study for use in high schools. Idaho public schools teach basic values, citizenship, life and workplace skills.
- ★ Every public school offers the "Pledge of Allegiance" at the beginning of the day.



CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

In 1999, the Legislature increased support for creative innovations in the classroom. Those programs include:

- ★ The Governor's Innovative Grant Program that provides about 200 grants of \$500 to classroom teachers each year. Since 1999 the Governor has awarded over \$274,000 to teachers across Idaho.
- ★ The long-time Creative and Innovative grants program, administered by the State Department of Education, provides up to \$10,000 to classroom teachers for research-based projects in reading, math, and character education.

"AS I TRAVEL AROUND IDAHO, PARENTS AND TEACHERS SAY THEY AGREE WITH ME THAT EDUCATION IS A PRIORITY. I WANT TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED."

— Governor Dirk Kempthorne
February 25, 1999





"IDAHO'S 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' HAS INFORMED ALL OF OUR THINKING AND ACTIONS. HAVING THE GOVERNOR TALKING ABOUT FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES GIVES US A FOCUS, AND COLORS TO A GREAT EXTENT HOW WE REACT TO VARIOUS IDEAS."

—Dr. Marilyn Howard
State Superintendent of Public Instruction



TECHNOLOGY IN LEARNING

Idaho is a national leader in school technology, thanks to the state's annual \$10.4 million technology initiative.

- ★ More than 94 percent of Idaho schools have access to the Internet.
- ★ 245,000 students have access to more than 50,000 computers—an average of one computer for every five students.
- ★ Four years ago, Idaho was one of the first states to require educators to meet minimum technology standards. The goal was to have 90 percent of Idaho educators fulfill this requirement by fall 2001. As of September 2001, nearly 87 percent demonstrated proficiency in basic technology skills.
- ★ A national study showed that teachers who possess intermediate or better technology skills staff a majority of Idaho schools, making the state one of the leaders in the nation. Idaho ranks in the top 10 states for schools equipped with sophisticated technology, according to a national research firm.



INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

One of the many choices Idaho public schools provide parents is charter schools. In fall 2001, eleven charter schools were open to serve students throughout the state, from Blackfoot to Coeur d'Alene. Many schools report waiting lists. Independent evaluations show that these public schools are meeting or exceeding their goals for instruction and learning.



SUPPORTING SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- ★ The *Idaho Reading Initiative* has piloted, and is using, a Spanish-language version of the "Idaho Reading Indicator" to more fully evaluate reading skills of Spanish-speaking students.
- ★ New gifted and talented rules will ensure greater uniformity among district program components.
- ★ The Indian Education Committee is reviewing scores of Native American students on standardized tests.
- ★ Low-income students receive fee waivers for taking advanced placement tests under a grant received by the State Department of Education.



LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY INITIATIVE

In 1999, Governor Kempthorne sought to expand statewide efforts to better serve the growing number of Idaho students who have limited English proficiency. The Limited English Proficiency Initiative is an effort on behalf of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to assess each local school district's efforts to ensure that Hispanic and limited-English proficient students receive a thorough education. The State Board and State Superintendent were directed by the Legislature to make recommendations for improving the academic performance of limited-English speaking students.



The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities



The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is a 23-member volunteer board appointed by the Governor to advocate, plan for and monitor services for people with developmental disabilities in Idaho. Most Council members are adults with developmental disabilities and parents of children with developmental disabilities. The Council's vision is that "all Idahoans participate as equal members of society empowered to reach their full potential as responsible and contributing members of their communities."

- ★ More than 100 Idahoans with developmental disabilities and parents of children with developmental disabilities have become informed advocates and leaders in their communities because of Council-sponsored training.
- ★ In collaboration with the Office of the Governor and various public agencies and private corporations, the Council will sponsor the Governor's Conference on Employment of People with Disabilities in 2002.
- ★ In cooperation with Idaho's Department of Education, the Council implemented Idaho's first Youth Leadership Forum for young adults with disabilities. The forum provides leadership training.
- ★ Teams of teachers, parents, and administrators from school districts across Idaho have received training and technical assistance to implement best practices for including children with disabilities in regular school activities and classrooms.
- ★ "Home of Your Own," which the Council implemented and turned over to the private sector, has enabled Idahoans with disabilities to purchase their own homes.



Community Resources for Families

“LET US BE JUDGED AS THE GENERATION THAT COMMITTED OURSELVES TO BE
 GROUNDED IN THE BASICS: A COMMITMENT TO FAMILIES—NURTURING CHILDREN
 AND PROVIDING THEM WITH STRONG FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999

The Community Resources for Families program is a school-based partnership with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and independent school districts throughout Idaho. Funding is provided through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

During the 2000–2001 school year, partnerships were formed with 90 school districts. These partnerships provide Community Resources Workers for each participating school. These individuals work in the schools with principals, counselors, and teachers to identify and support children who have physical or emotional needs arising outside of the school environment. Community Resource Workers are licensed social workers who work closely with families on a voluntary basis to resolve issues that threaten the safety or learning ability of their children.

The program’s goals are to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect; increase the school readiness of children; and increase the self-reliance of families through utilization of community resources.



Program data from 1999 indicates the following successes:

- ★ **Improved grades**—Poor grades were a factor for 34 percent of the families referred to the program. Three-quarters of the children showed an improvement after being in the program.
- ★ **Improved attendance**—Poor attendance was a factor for 36 percent of the families referred to the program. Three-quarters of the children attended school more regularly after being in the program.
- ★ **Improved behavior**—Poor classroom behavior was a factor for 47 percent of the families referred children to the program. School personnel reported improved behavior for 84 of the children.
- ★ **Improved household income**—Many families participating in the program needed supplemental or improved employment. After being in the program, three-quarters of the parents found jobs.

The funding source for this program changed for the 2001–2002 school year. The decision to continue with the program is up to each school district. The Department of Health and Welfare provides a maximum of \$2 million in welfare block grant funds to the program. For every dollar the Department of Health and Welfare spends on the program, a school district contributes \$2 from its discretionary funds.

BONNEVILLE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO THE RESCUE

Two Idaho Falls area school districts could not afford to maintain the Community Resources for Families program until the Bonneville Youth Development Council came to the rescue. The Council is spending more than half of a \$100,000 grant they received

in October 2001 to fund two social workers to continue the Community Resources program in the Idaho Falls and the Bonneville schools districts.

The Bonneville Youth Development Council focuses on

prevention and places a high priority on continuing the Community Resources for Families program. The program focuses on early intervention for families who need help in creating healthier environments for raising their children.

“CHILDREN GETTING IN TROUBLE IS NOT A SCHOOL PROBLEM, OR A POLICE OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROBLEM. IT IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM, AND THE COMMUNITY IS THE ANSWER.”

—Meri Bybee, Director of the Bonneville Youth Development Council and Program Director for Bonneville County Juvenile Probation

Children's Lead Screening Program of Idaho

Nationally, it is estimated that 4.4 percent of children between the ages of one and six years are affected by lead poisoning. A simple fingerprick test is all it takes to find out if children have too much lead in their blood. To help test Idaho's 97,000-plus preschoolers, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare purchased lead screening machines and will distribute them in partnership with the health districts and physicians throughout the state in 2002.

In August 2001, the first of Idaho's 50 new lead screening machines tested children at the Southwest

District Health's Third Annual Back to School Clinic in Nampa. Although designed for Medicaid eligible children up to the six years of age, the Children's Lead Screening Program of Idaho tests all children on a sliding fee scale.



Lead poisoning is a silent disease that can damage the nervous system and brain, causing a decrease in the child's IQ. Lead poisoning can lead to learning disabilities, shortened attention span, hearing loss, and hyperactivity. The bodies of young children easily absorb lead through lead-based paint or other environmental hazards.

“EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE TESTED FOR LEAD BY THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY. WE DEVELOPED THE CHILDREN'S LEAD SCREENING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HEALTH DISTRICTS SO WE CAN CATCH LEAD POISONING BEFORE HEALTH PROBLEMS OCCUR.”

*—Dr. Tom Young, Medical Director, Division of Medicaid
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*



Child Abuse Prevention

“WE WILL DEFINE ‘MILLENNIUM’ OR ‘FUTURE’ BASED UPON HOW WE TREAT THAT CHILD. CHILDREN REPRESENT OUR DEFINITION OF TOMORROW, FUTURE, AND MILLENNIUM.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 2000



THE GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN AT RISK

The Governor’s Task Force on Children at Risk provides informed recommendations to Governor Kempthorne about the full scope of issues related to child abuse and neglect. The Task Force mission is “to make the system more sensitive and responsive to child victims.”

Members are appointed by the governor. The Task Force meets regularly to evaluate Idaho’s investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases and child maltreatment-related fatalities. The strategic planning goals for the next three years emphasize continued efforts to integrate child protection systems in each community through development of multi-disciplinary response teams.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE PANELS

Beginning in 1995, the Department of Health and Welfare organized citizen review panels in each of Idaho’s seven regions to study Idaho’s Child Protection System and make recommendations for improvement. The panels provide independent analysis of how Idaho’s child protection system responds to abuse and neglect. The purpose and role of Idaho’s “Keeping Children Safe Panels” has been adopted as model language for citizen review panels at the federal level in Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act instruction. In 2001, about 60 Keeping Children Safe Panel members served in Idaho.



IDAHO SAFE HAVEN ACT

In 2001, the Legislature passed the Idaho Safe Haven Act to protect Idaho’s infants by providing a safe alternative for parents who might otherwise abandon their baby. The legislation came in response to incidents where young parents have abandoned newborns simply because they did not know what else to do. Under the Act, certain medical professionals and hospitals are identified as “safe havens” which by law are authorized to accept a baby less than 30 days of age directly from a parent. Parents who deliver the baby to a safe haven can remain anonymous; law enforcement is not involved unless there are signs the child has been injured or is in danger. With the child in protective care, the Department of Health and Welfare can begin efforts to place the child with an adoptive family.

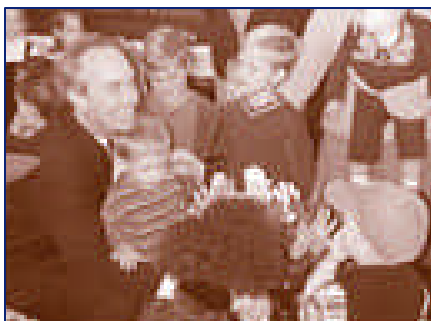


Idaho Safe Haven
Puerto Seguro de Idaho



IDAHO'S CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund prevents child abuse and neglect in Idaho by providing financial support to local child abuse and neglect prevention efforts. The Trust Fund awards grants to community-based groups to prevent family problems before they develop and to reduce family stress or risk indicators.



The Children's Trust Fund focuses on helping to strengthen families through parent education and support programs. It also conducts public awareness and education campaigns about the problems associated with child maltreatment for the general public, service providers, and policymakers.

The Trust Fund's secondary prevention efforts focus on funding services toward families and children thought to be at a higher risk for maltreatment. Idaho Children's Trust Fund awards most of its grants to primary and secondary prevention programs. By state statute, the Trust Fund cannot fund direct treatment or therapy programs. The Trust Fund's philosophy is that it is more successful to work with families before serious problems occur.

The Trust Fund receives funding from three sources: 1) the Idaho income-tax donation check off, 2) private donations from individuals and businesses, and 3) a small federal grant earmarked to support child abuse prevention. State legislation mandates that half the income tax check off funds collected yearly are spent on prevention efforts, and the other half remain in a special endowment fund to earn interest.

The Trust Fund is a unique public-private partnership. The Governor appoints volunteer citizen board members because of their expertise in children's issues. The Boise Advertising Federation has donated production of advertisements.

In 2001, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund:

- ★ Awarded \$335,000 in grants to community-based programs. Funding for these grants came from the voluntary check-off donation line on Idaho's individual income tax form, individual and business contributions, a federal "Community Based Family Resource and Support" grant, and interest earned on Idaho's state Millennium Fund.
- ★ Awarded \$165,000 in special grants to support Idaho communities using the Association of Idaho Cities' youth development asset model and to communities beginning to develop new grant programs to mentor and support at-risk youth. Funding for these programs comes from interest earned on Idaho's state Millennium Fund.
- ★ Raised \$285,000 more in state fiscal year 2001 than in FY 2000. Adam West, former star of the Batman television series, donated the \$250,000 he won on the television show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"
- ★ Was host of Idaho's Second Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention conference, attracting more than 150 participants. The event's fundraising reception featured Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne.



In the last few years, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund quadrupled the amount of money raised, the amount of grant funding being awarded, and its number of grantees. Three years ago, the Trust Fund's database had 50–60 programs. Now, the database includes almost 2,000 grassroots contacts.

The Trust Fund works closely with the Office of the Governor administering three grants developed in response to Idaho's "Generation of the Child" Initiative. These grants, all using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family funds, were awarded to Parents as Teachers, youth asset-building initiatives, and respite care initiatives primarily for families with children with mental health issues.

"THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND IDAHO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND SHARE SIMILAR GOALS—OUTREACH TO PROGRAMS ACROSS THE STATE, INVENTORIES OF PROGRAMS AFFECTING IDAHO'S CHILDREN, AND CREATING NETWORKS FOR INFORMATION SHARING. ATTENDING THE 1ST AND 2ND ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S ROUNDTABLES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WAS A HUGE BENEFIT TO THE TRUST FUND IN GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CHILDREN'S ISSUES."

*—Carolyn Beaver, Former Executive Director, Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children*



IDAHO CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM

"BY REMOVING KNOWN SAFETY HAZARDS, WE ARE KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM PREVENTABLE DEATH AND DISABILITY."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Nationally, concern for the welfare of children, particularly those who are abused or neglected, has been longstanding among public and private social service agencies, professionals, and the general public. In response to this concern, Idaho formed Idaho's Child Mortality Review Team to identify preventable child deaths. The Review Team focuses on creating effective multi-agency case

management and improving prevention and intervention programs to protect children from serious injuries and deaths. Idaho's Team represents a combination of public, criminal justice, health, and social service organizations. The Team makes specific and feasible recommendations to the Governor and chairs of the Senate and House Health and Welfare committees on how child mortality can be reduced in Idaho.

"THE CHILD MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM'S REPORT IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT THAT POINTS OUT THE NUMEROUS OCCURRENCES OF UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND DEATHS COMPROMISING IDAHO'S CHILDREN. OUR CHILDREN ARE IDAHO'S MOST VALUED TREASURE. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ADULTS TO LOVE, NURTURE, AND PROTECT THEM, PARTICULARLY FROM PREVENTABLE HARM. WE MUST CONTINUE TO EDUCATE PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, TEACHERS, AND DECISION-MAKERS—AND THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES—TO BE MORE AWARE OF MAKING HEALTHY LIFE-STYLE CHOICES THAT CAN PROTECT, AND PERHAPS SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE."

—Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne





Children's Mental Health

"WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 2001

During his 2001 State of the State address, Governor Kempthorne listed significant steps being taken in Idaho to ensure continual and comprehensive mental health services to Idahoans and to address the needs of children suffering from mental illness.

Several recommendations in children's mental health services were reported in 1998. The report assessed the needs of Idaho children with serious emotional disturbances and the strengths and challenges in delivering children's mental health services in Idaho. The Children's Mental Health Service Delivery Project was established to implement the report's recommendations. The goal is to improve community-based services to children and their families.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT

Through the Children's Mental Health Service Delivery Project, Idaho is developing a comprehensive system for delivery of services through collaboration with community partners and families. Three pilot projects were initiated in 2000. The new approach being adopted through these pilot sites includes a cooperation that cuts across multiple agencies, ensures case management throughout the process, and addresses adequate funding. Agencies, providers, community members, and families meet regularly as a team to address the needs of children in the community and, when needed, evaluate a child's case.



IDAHO COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

To support the implementation plan, Governor Kempthorne established the Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Jack Riggs. The Council includes representatives from family advocacy groups and the departments of Health and Welfare, Education, and Juvenile Corrections. The Council is establishing local councils in Idaho's seven regions to develop community partnerships and review cases of children who may be at risk of being placed either outside of their communities for treatment or within the juvenile justice system.



RESPITE CARE

An assessment is being conducted to determine the respite care needs of families who have children with mental health diagnoses and the availability of such care in each of the seven regions of the state.



"AS CHAIR OF THE IDAHO COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH, I COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE COUNCIL. A REGIONAL AND LOCAL SYSTEM OF CARE IS LITERALLY BEING CREATED FROM THE GROUND UP, A SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENSURE THE BEST CHANCE FOR SUCCESS FOR OUR CHILDREN."

—Idaho Lieutenant Governor Jack Riggs



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

The Children's Mental Health Alliance is a collaboration of Idaho's departments of Health and Welfare and Juvenile Corrections, the Eastern Idaho Behavioral Health Center, the Children's Coalition, the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, CASA and other private providers. Located in Idaho Falls, the Alliance works with families whose children are impacted by core systems of care in the community.

The Alliance develops and coordinates services that help families maintain their children in their home or in the community. The Alliance also provides assessments to the courts.

In 2001, the Children's Mental Health Alliance:

- ★ Met with more than 25 families who had children with severe emotional problems to develop community treatment plans
- ★ Provided a community development grant for the Youth and Family Renewal Center for a community-based, family-focused group home for severely emotionally disturbed children
- ★ Sponsored community training with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections on "Strength-Based Treatment"
- ★ Assisted Idaho Falls and Bonneville school districts with a children's mental health prevention program called "First Step to Success"
- ★ Helped five local communities start their own Children's Mental Health Alliances
- ★ Provided funds for a parent, an Alliance representative, and a private provider to attend the National Conference of the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health in Washington, D.C.



The Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.

"I BELIEVE THAT THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' INITIATIVE HAS CREATED A GREATER AWARENESS RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF IDAHO'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THIS ALSO INCLUDES EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION, INCLUDING MEETING THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AS THEY RAISE YOUNGSTERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. WHEN WE LOOK AT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT WE NEED TO NOT ONLY LOOK AT THE DIRECT NEEDS OF THE CHILD, BUT WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW BEST WE CAN HELP PARENTS SUPPORT AND NURTURE THEIR CHILDREN. THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' INITIATIVE HAS HELPED BY FURTHER SUPPORTING OUR PRACTICE OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION AND EDUCATION AS A KEY TO HAVING HEALTHIER KIDS."

—Claire Kiener, Executive Director, the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

The Idaho Federation of Families is a parent-run, statewide organization that provides education, support, and advocacy for families who have children with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, as well as for the professionals who work with them.



Adolescents

“LET US BE JUDGED AS THE GENERATION THAT COMMITTED OURSELVES TO BE GROUNDED IN THE BASICS: A COMMITMENT TO FAMILIES—NURTURING CHILDREN AND PROVIDING THEM WITH STRONG FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999





Governor's Challenge Cup for Education

"LET US NOT FORGET THERE IS A HIGH CORRELATION BETWEEN HEALTHY WELL-ADJUSTED YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL. THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND A DECREASE IN INCARCERATION. AND A CORRELATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND HIGHER LIFETIME EARNING."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 1999



"WE WILL PREPARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR GRADUATION AND, IN SO DOING, FOR A BRIGHT AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

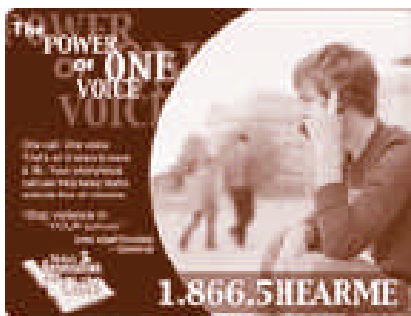
The Idaho Governor's Challenge Cup for Education provides college scholarships for Idaho students to attend colleges and universities in Idaho. A non-profit organization, its main source of funding is an annual three-day sporting event that includes golf, tennis, fly fishing, and trap shooting.

As established by Governor Kempthorne, the Idaho Governor's Challenge Scholarship Program awards academic and professional-technical scholarships to selected students who demonstrate a commitment to public service. Academic scholarship recipients receive \$3,000 a year, renewable up to four years. The professional-technical award is \$3,000 per year for the term of the program, up to three years.

Idaho School Safety Hotline

"WE ALL SHARE THE COMMON GOAL OF MAKING SURE OUR SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING, SO PARENTS KNOW WHEN THEIR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL THEY WILL BE SAFE. WITH THIS PHONE LINE A STUDENT, A FRIEND, A PARENT, OR SOME OTHER CONCERNED INDIVIDUAL CAN ALERT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE MAY BE A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne



In 1999, Governor Kempthorne initiated a statewide school safety hotline to help all Idaho children feel safe at school. The hotline is federally funded and gives students, parents, school personnel, and community members an anonymous place to turn if they know of potential problems in a school.



Idaho College Savings Program

Idaho College Savings Program, “IDeal,” was launched March 21, 2001. It is a state-sponsored program offering Idaho families a convenient and flexible way to save for a child’s educational future while taking advantage of significant tax benefits. The Idaho College Savings Program is available to all Idaho families, regardless of income. Idaho families can use IDeal at any accredited post-secondary four-year, two-year, technical, trade, or vocational school in Idaho and across the United States.

Since March 2001, IDeal contributions exceed \$3.6 million. More than 1,500 children and their families are saving now to make college more affordable.

★ Tax advantages for Idaho taxpayers:

- ☆ Exclusively through IDeal, contributions are state tax-deductible—up to \$4,000 per year or \$8,000 per year for joint filers.

★ IDeal is an easy way for families to save for college:

- ☆ Low minimum initial contribution of \$25
- ☆ High maximum account balance limit of \$235,000
- ☆ No income limitations; individuals in all tax brackets can participate
- ☆ Any adult can set up an account for any beneficiary

★ Employers throughout the state support IDeal through payroll deduction and offering employee seminars

★ The Idaho College Savings Program has received favorable reviews by major financial publications such as *Money*, *Business Week*, and *Kiplinger’s*, commending Idaho for its in-state tax advantages, flexibility, and low expense ratios.



Governor Kempthorne proclaimed September 2001 College Savings Month, urging citizens of the state to recognize the benefits of attaining a higher education and to begin saving for their children’s education.

IDeal
Idaho College Savings Program

Idaho Promise Scholarships

Beginning in the 2001–2002 academic year, all freshmen entering an eligible Idaho college or university for the first time and who graduated from an Idaho high school or its equivalent may be eligible to receive the Idaho Promise Scholarship.

The Idaho Promise Scholarships, administered by the Idaho State Board of Education, provide up to \$250 per

semester for students who are eligible. Institutional matches are available at some educational institutions. Eligible Idaho colleges and universities are University of Idaho, Boise State University, College of Southern Idaho, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho State University, Lewis–Clark State College, Albertson College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, and Brigham Young University–Idaho.



Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium

The Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium grew out of a brainstorming session on how to curb dropout rates for Hispanic teens in Idaho. Each April, 300 Idaho students gather in Sun Valley, where scholarships valued at more than \$1 million are awarded. Governor Kempthorne addressed Symposium participants in 1999.

Using a bilingual format, the symposium targets:

- ★ Reducing school dropout rates
- ★ Dual languages
- ★ Pride in Latino culture

Students and chaperones attend the Hispanic Youth Symposium to make new friends and rekindle old friendships while learning the

importance of receiving an education. They have an opportunity to examine future career paths. Students listen to motivational speakers and participate in interactive workshops designed to enhance self-esteem, leadership, and problem-solving skills. The students compete in speech, talent, athletic, art, and interactive skill competitions for awards and scholarships.

The Hispanic Youth Symposium is a collaborative effort between Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC, Gem State

Diversity Initiatives, and U.S. Department of Energy and its INEEL contractors. Other symposium sponsors include major state, federal and community agencies, employers, and higher education institutions in the western United States.



Idaho Commission for National and Community Service

The Idaho Commission for National and Community Service is a governor-appointed commission promoting volunteerism that focuses on priorities valued by communities in a spirit of service and mutual trust. The Commission promotes collaborative efforts among public, private, non-profit, state, and local agencies across Idaho that will advance community service programs and activities. Two-thirds of Idaho's AmeriCorps grants are made by the Idaho Commission for National Community Service.

Idaho's Promise, a program through the Idaho Commission for National and Community Service, partnered with the Community Youth Connection and America's Promise and unveiled a new Idaho license plate, designed by a 17-year-

old student from St. Maries, Idaho. Car owners who purchase the new license plate help fund programs for at-risk children in all 44 counties of Idaho. It displays Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains in the background along with two children and a red wagon with the words

"Celebrate Idaho Youth" and "America's Promise." General Colin Powell, now U.S. Secretary of State, unveiled the design at Fort Boise Mid-High School in 2000 with Governor Kempthorne and Idaho's First Lady. Idaho is the first state in the nation

to have a license plate promoting "America's Promise."





ASSOCIATION OF IDAHO CITIES

Idaho Values Youth Partnership

Combining the efforts of community-based initiatives and community partners, the Association of Idaho Cities is making significant progress in reaching Idaho's children and youth with the resources they need to live healthy and productive lives. Some of the association's partners include the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, Idaho Children's Trust Fund, Idaho's Promise, Idaho Commission for National and Community Service, Corporation for National Service, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, and the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

The Association of Idaho Cities actively helps Idaho communities create a positive and nurturing environment for all children and youth. Services encourage participation from the entire community and supplement and enhance what is already occurring within the community.

The Association of Idaho Cities helps communities:

- ★ Find ways to engage youth
- ★ Build youth assets through community service
- ★ Strengthen the leadership skills of young people
- ★ Mobilize community partners toward active participation in the lives of children and youth



- ★ Identify and retain volunteer resources
- ★ Network with other communities in creating asset-rich communities

AmeriCorps Asset Builders, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, and VISTA Volunteers serve as youth advocates and community developers in more than 40 Idaho cities. The goal of Idaho Youth Asset Builders is to increase youth developmental assets while securing opportunities for youth involvement. As youth advocates, Asset Builders work with community leaders, youth-serving organizations, and citizens to create asset-rich communities for all youth.

As of 2001, more than 98 communities throughout Idaho use the asset development model to create healthy communities.

“THERE IS A VISION AND ENTHUSIASM IN IDAHO TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH THRIVE, MOVING AWAY FROM VIEWING YOUTH AS TROUBLEMAKERS AND MOVING TOWARD VIEWING OUR YOUTH AS VALUED CITIZENS WHO HAVE MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES. ENTIRE COMMUNITIES ARE GATHERING AROUND A COMMON GOAL TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO LEAD HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES.”

—Ken Harward, Executive Director
Association of Idaho Cities

“IN 18 YEARS OF WORKING WITH YOUTH ADVOCACY GROUPS IN IDAHO, THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY HEALTHY YOUTH ASSET BUILDING APPROACH IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH I’VE SEEN TO REALLY HELP YOUNG PEOPLE SUCCEED. THAT’S BECAUSE IT ANSWERS THE QUESTION, WHY DO SOME YOUNG PEOPLE SUCCEED AND OTHERS DON’T? THROUGH YEARS OF RESEARCH, THE SEARCH INSTITUTE HAS 40 ASSETS THAT SUCCESSFUL KIDS GENERALLY HAVE IN COMMON. AS COMMUNITIES WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THOSE ASSETS IN THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE REMARKABLE THINGS HAPPEN.”

—Jay Hildebrandt, KIFI Local News 8 TV broadcaster, Idaho Falls
Member of the Bonneville Youth Development Council
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Substance Abuse Prevention Services

“THE REAL PROMISE IS WITH OUR KIDS. WE NEED TO KEEP TODAY’S CHILDREN AND TOMORROW’S CHILDREN OFF OF DRUGS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THAT’S WHERE WE WILL SEE REAL RESULTS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Prevention education is designed to deter youth from experimenting with drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

YOUTH EDUCATION ACCOUNT ANTI-ALCOHOL CAMPAIGNS

★ The Department of Health and Welfare contracts with an advertising agency to create anti-alcohol commercials and to buy strategically placed airtime to get messages to Idaho youth, 10–14 years of age. An advisory committee approves the advertising campaigns. The committee consists of two members appointed by the Governor and two members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

★ The committee selected anti-alcohol messages to complement the anti-drug messages provided by the Partnership for A Drug Free America and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Youth Media Campaigns.

★ Idaho Public Television, the departments of Education, Health and Welfare and Correction, Idaho Power, Idaho Drug Free Youth, and Elgin Syferd Drake Communications collaborate on this effort.

“WE’RE BEGINNING A STRONG EMPHASIS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. CERTAINLY PREVENTION HAS TO BE A PART OF THAT. IF WE PREVENT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT’S THE BEST AND FOREMOST THING WE CAN BE DOING.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

IDAHO TOBACCO PROJECT

- ★ Idaho has one of the most sophisticated programs in the nation for the prevention of minors’ access to tobacco products. The Department of Health and Welfare collaborates with the Idaho State Police to deliver the program statewide
- ★ State law requires that all tobacco outlets are issued permits and each permittee be inspected at least once a year to see if they are selling tobacco products to minors.
- ★ The rate of sales to minors during inspections in 2001 was 21.4 percent, down from 25.3 percent in 1999.

ANNUAL IDAHO PREVENTION CONFERENCE

- ★ The Department of Health and Welfare partners with the Department of Education and National Training Associates to produce the annual Idaho Prevention Conference in Sun Valley.
- ★ The conference brings the latest in substance abuse and violence prevention to educators, social workers, criminal justice workers, city, county, and state government representatives.



COLLABORATION WITH DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES ACT FUNDED COALITIONS

- ★ Six \$100,000 grants were awarded to substance abuse prevention coalitions in Idaho during 2001. The federal Office of National Drug Control Strategy administers the funds from the Drug-Free Communities Act. The coalitions were in Boise, Meridian, Kuna, Caldwell, Lapwai, Nampa, Rexburg, and Twin Falls. The Department of Health and Welfare provides technical assistance to the coalitions and coordinates their activities with activities funded by the Department.



HISPANIC SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

- ★ The Department of Health and Welfare contracts with the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs to provide substance abuse prevention services that specifically meet the needs of members of Hispanic communities in Idaho.



COLLABORATION WITH IDAHO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

- ★ The Department of Health and Welfare collaborates with the Idaho Children's Trust Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of substance use and abuse on children and families. The latest information concerning child abuse and neglect and the activities of the Trust Fund are shared with participants at a prevention conference. Collaboration also occurs around their work with Developmental Assets funded by the Millennium Fund.



INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION ON COMBATING UNDERAGE DRINKING PROGRAMMING

- ★ Working together, the departments of Health and Welfare, Juvenile Corrections, Education, Transportation, and the Idaho State Police coordinate activities funded by a federal Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws grant.
- ★ The Department of Juvenile Corrections administers this annual \$360,000 grant. Representatives from the other agencies comprise the advisory board for the grant. Activities include minors' access to alcohol inspections of retailers, merchant education, community and law enforcement grants for such efforts as "kegger patrols," community coalition building, and transition support for youth returning from institutions.



INITIATIVE TO FUND BEST PRACTICE PROGRAMS

- ★ The Department of Health and Welfare provides funding to about 40 prevention programs each year through subcontracts with the Road to Recovery.
- ★ In fiscal year 2001, the Department began an initiative to increase by 25 percent the number of best practice prevention programs as defined by the US Center for Substance Abuse Prevention or the US Department of Education.
- ★ In fiscal year 2002, fifty percent of the prevention programs funded by the Department will be best practice programs. The Department provides training in each region of the state to help programs implement these best practices.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Safe and Drug Free Schools Program

The Idaho Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program has been on-going in Idaho since the 1987 Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. In 1994, Idaho legislators enacted an additional tax on cigarettes and tobacco products to supplement a decrease in federal funding for the program. Prevention programs in Idaho focus on building the strengths of young people by establishing a positive learning environment that is safe and drug and violence free so that youth may develop to their maximum potential.

- ★ More than 245,000 students were involved in school prevention programs during the 2000-2001 school year. Each student had the opportunity to participate in more than one program and activity.
- ★ Results of the 2000 Idaho Substance Use and School Climate Survey show that the prevalence of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use among Idaho youth is slowly decreasing.

★ The Student Assistance Program is particularly successful. The program provides information to groups that support Idaho's students in addressing life issues that may affect their education and full life development. The Student Assistance Program reports its activities have resulted in the following for its participants:

- ☆ A 54 percent increase in school attendance
- ☆ An 80 percent increase in students staying in school
- ☆ A 79 percent increase in students' general attitude toward school
- ☆ A 71 percent increase in students' feelings of self worth

Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs works with Idaho school districts, migrant programs, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Welfare, and numerous other local agencies to promote the interests of Idaho's Hispanic population.

The Commission discourages Idaho's Hispanic Youth from the habitual use of tobacco, alcohol, and other substance abuses by developing programs for schools, families and communities. To prevent substance abuse, the Commission coordinates services at the community

level and fosters partnerships between school districts and community resources to meet the needs of Hispanic youth.

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is committed to the development of prevention programs and services which are culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate in meeting the needs of the Hispanic community. The Commission provides technical and program assistance in forming school and community partnerships, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse prevention, teacher education, and parent education.



Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission

The Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission partners with Idahoans to influence, develop, strengthen, assist, and support youth in becoming positive members of their community. The Commission is governor-appointed and makes recommendations to the Governor, the Department of Juvenile Corrections, and the Legislature on issues related to juvenile justice. The strength of the Commission is its diverse membership representing both the public and private sectors.

Since its inception in 1974, the Commission has been a strong force in shaping Idaho's children and youth. Areas of emphasis include substance abuse programs, programs to strengthen the family unit, quality early childhood programs, programs to address children as victims of sexual abuse, status offender programs, and juvenile detention standards and compliance.

The Commission awards more than \$100,000 each year for prevention programs in Idaho communities. In 2000 and 2001, the Commission awarded more than \$700,000 in formula grant funds to more than 50 programs statewide. Funds from these grants are designated for comprehensive delinquency prevention strategic planning and programming at the local level. The Department of Juvenile Corrections works closely with the Association of Idaho Cities to develop training and technical assistance for communities to access these funds and to improve current programs and strategies to meet the needs of youth, families, and communities. As of December 2001, the Juvenile Justice Commission operates more than 250 grants throughout Idaho.



"AS THE CURRENT GUARDIANS OF THIS NEXT GENERATION, LET US WORK TO SEE THAT THE TEARS OF OUR CHILDREN ARE THE TEARS OF JOY AND NOT DESPAIR; THE ENERGY OF POSITIVE CREATION, AND NOT DESTRUCTION."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Inaugural Address, January 1999



Underage Drinking Funds

The Governor's Office meets regularly with a coalition of representatives from the departments of Education, Juvenile Corrections, Health and Welfare, Transportation, and Correction, and the Idaho State Police to coordinate programs that address issues affecting adolescent behavior, including drinking. The Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections

is the state agency receiving Enforcing Underage Drinking Funds from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice, and Delinquency Prevention.

The program addresses three goals:

- ★ Enforce state liquor laws to reduce the number of underage drinkers.

- ★ Prevent Idaho residents from drinking before their twenty-first birthday and provide adequate support for those who have developed problems as a result of drinking.

- ★ Increase government efficiency by encouraging all state prevention and education programs to work together.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Idaho Underage Drinking Prevention

Idaho has several statewide underage drinking prevention coalitions whose major roles are to prevent underage drinking through peer education, motivation, and development and through statewide public awareness, information, and education campaigns. These statewide coalitions include:

- ★ Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children
- ★ Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY)
- ★ Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse (PAYADA)
- ★ Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Youth Summit
- ★ Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- ★ Idaho Safe and Drug Free Schools Annual "Celebrate Graduation" Activities
- ★ Idaho Combating Underage Drinking Partnership

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The Idaho Department of Transportation initiated the following programs and legislation in 2001:

- ★ Graduated Driver Licensing
- ★ Elementary School Kids Calendar and Art Contest
- ★ High School Impaired Driving and Seat Belt Journalism Contest
- ★ Scholastic Multi-Media Assemblies
- ★ The first annual MADD Youth Summit
- ★ The High School Missing-in-School Program

- ★ "Celebrate Graduation" Activities and Poster/T-Shirt Design Art Contest
- ★ Insurance Information Service of Oregon and Idaho
- ★ County Sheriff Offices and Office of Highway Safety partnerships for DUI Crash Car Display
- ★ Underage alcohol sales sting operations

These programs are conducted statewide and in selected communities that have a particularly severe underage drinking problem.

ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

Enforcement initiatives are statewide through the Idaho State Police and local law enforcement. There are Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers in all six law enforcement regions in Idaho. Idaho boasts a strong School Resource Officer program that is popular with educators, parents, and the students themselves. The Idaho State Police's Alcohol Beverage Control conducts sting operations with local law enforcement statewide. One sting operation in 2001 involved 56 attempts to purchase alcoholic beverages by individuals under 21 and 26 citations were issued.

OUTREACH TO DIVERSE POPULATIONS

The Idaho Office of Highway Safety reproduces underage drinking brochures in Spanish and has, in coordination with the Idaho Tribes, produced underage drinking and other DUI educational materials appealing to Native Americans.

'CELEBRATE GRADUATION' PROGRAM

One of Idaho's largest and most effective community level programs is the "Celebrate Graduation" Program. The Office of Highway Safety (OHS) struck a partnership with the State Department of Education and MADD to implement a program, developed at the community level, to conduct safe and sober all-night high school graduation parties. The OHS has funded this successful program for eight consecutive years.



- ★ The program boasts a teen crash free/alcohol and drug incident free track record.
- ★ In 2001, 106 high school communities participated bringing more than 11,500 seniors to community safe and sober graduation parties.
- ★ The OHS co-sponsors a statewide high school art contest challenging students to come up with a slogan and artwork that delivers a "Buckle-Up and Don't Drink" message. The first five-place winners receive cash awards from MADD. The

first-place entry's artwork and slogan are reproduced on long-sleeve T-shirts and posters. The posters are given to the communities to display throughout the school and community in support of "Celebrate Graduation" activities and participating seniors receive T-shirts.

Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free

Idaho's First Lady is a member of Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, a multi-year initiative that addresses the public health issue of alcohol use by children, 9–15 years of age. The initiative engages the support of Governors' spouses to increase public awareness and to mobilize action nationally and within their states. To date, 31 Governors' spouses are committed to the effort.

In 2000, Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne attended the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Annual Conference and participated in a panel discussion with First Ladies from other states. Idaho's First Lady was a guest speaker at Idaho's Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse Town Hall meeting. In September 2001, she spoke at the National Prevention Network Conference in North Carolina.

"WHY WAIT UNTIL GRADUATION TO HAVE AN ALCOHOL-FREE CELEBRATION? LET'S SPONSOR THESE FROM THE BEGINNING. LET'S PROVIDE A COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT WHERE LAUGHTER COMES FROM THE HEART, NOT THE BOTTLE."

—Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne





Idaho Tobacco Prevention and Control Program



“ROUGHLY ONE OUT OF FIVE DEATHS IN IDAHO CAN BE TRACED TO A TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESS. AND IN ADDITION TO THE TERRIBLE HUMAN TOLL THAT TOBACCO TAKES, THE HEALTH CARE COSTS TO TREAT TOBACCO-RELATED DISEASES RUN IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Launching statewide media campaign to reduce smoking in Idaho

November 2000

Idaho's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program began in 1994 with a planning grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Grant activities were designed to respond to the increase in tobacco use among Idaho youth and adults. In 1999, the program received additional CDC funding to expand these efforts.

Money Idaho received from a settlement against tobacco companies is deposited in the Idaho Millennium Income Fund. A portion of the interest earned on Millennium Fund dollars is directed towards a Tobacco Counter-Marketing Campaign. During 2001, the media campaign targeted youth, 12 to 17 years of age, and adults, 18 to 54 years of age.

The Idaho Tobacco Prevention and Control Program bases its program on four goals developed by the National Tobacco Prevention Program.

- ★ Preventing the initiation of tobacco use
- ★ Eliminating exposure to environmental tobacco (secondhand smoke)
- ★ Promoting quitting among youth and adults
- ★ Eliminating population disparities

To support these goals, Idaho's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program:

- ★ Supports more than 25 community-based Tobacco Free Youth Coalitions throughout Idaho. These coalitions, with primarily teen members, work to educate young people and their communities about the harmful effects of smoking and chewing tobacco.
- ★ Supports the Tobacco Free Idaho Alliance.
- ★ Continues establishing coalitions in rural areas of Idaho.
- ★ Establishes tobacco prevention contracts with Idaho's Native American Tribes and the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
- ★ Provides support and funding for prevention of secondhand smoke activities, a statewide tobacco counter marketing media campaign, and a surveillance program through tracking and monitoring systems

The Idaho Tobacco Prevention and Control Program implemented a grant award to develop a state plan that systematically identifies and eliminates disparities among populations. Partners in this effort include Idaho Primary Care Association, Native American Tribes, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Idaho Women's Network, Coalition for Healthy Idaho, Idaho's Public Health Districts, and higher education institutions.



Idaho Asthma Prevention and Control Project

In 1999 the Bureau of Environmental Health and Safety in Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare created the Idaho Asthma Prevention and Control Project. The project's goals are to increase community awareness, conduct asthma surveillance, develop state, local, and organizational policies that reduce the prevalence of asthma, educate those with asthma and their families, and promote and provide education for health care providers.

Since 2000, the Idaho Asthma and Prevention and Control Project, in collaboration with the Asthma Coalition of Idaho, has conducted surveys of children in the home with asthma as well as children in childcare facilities. This data will be available in 2002. The Idaho Asthma Prevention and Control Project and the Asthma Coalition of Idaho are developing policies for schools and childcare facilities, and are making policy recommendations in the areas of public health, medicine, and industry.

Adolescent Mental Health

RED FLAGS IDAHO

Red Flags Idaho takes mental health education programs to Idaho's junior high and middle school students, their families, educators, and community members who serve them. By taking mental health education into the schools, Red Flags Idaho improves early identification and treatment for youth before an emotional or financial crisis occurs for the child and within the family.

Through the "Generation of the Child" Initiative, the Office of the Governor and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare contracted with Idaho State University Institute for Rural Health, in cooperation with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Idaho Chapter, to carry out Red Flags statewide. Red Flags has taken information about adolescent depression and co-occurring disorders to parents, school staff, and students in about one-third of Idaho school districts.

"RED FLAGS IDAHO IS CHANGING ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AMONG JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND COUNSELORS. IT DEFINES WHAT DEPRESSION IS, THE SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN CHILDREN, WHAT PARENTS AND SCHOOLS CAN DO TO HELP, AND WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE OF EARLY INTERVENTION."

—Karl Kurtz, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
2001 Suicide Prevention Symposium

"RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CHILDREN WITH UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESSES WILL HAVE HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, LOWER EDUCATION LEVELS, A GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF UNWED PREGNANCIES AND AN INCREASED RISK OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE. EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN IDAHO'S YOUTH CAN ADDRESS THESE DOWNSTREAM CONSEQUENCES, RESULTING IN A HEALTHIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE. IT ALSO MEANS TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE HELP FOR YOUTH TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF SUICIDE AMONG IDAHO'S YOUNG PEOPLE."

—Ann Kirkwood, Project Director, Red Flags Idaho, Idaho State University

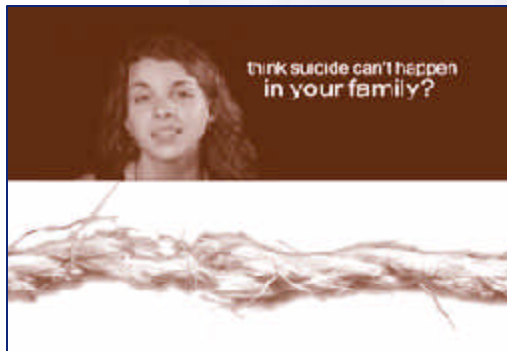


IDAHO'S 'HEARTS AND MINDS' VIDEO WINS NATIONAL AWARD

"IT IS CRITICAL THAT PARENTS UNDERSTAND THE STRESS TEENS EXPERIENCE AS THEY GROW UP. SOMETIMES THE PRESSURE CAN BE TOO MUCH AND IT ENDS IN TRAGEDY. THESE COMMERCIALS URGE PARENTS TO LISTEN TO THEIR CHILDREN AND BE AWARE OF THE WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
at the unveiling of two television
commercials alerting parents to signs
of suicidal tendencies in teens
March 2000

"Hearts and Minds: Teens and Mental Illness" is a 30-minute documentary/ educational video profiling teens with different mental illnesses. Produced for the Department of Health and Welfare by Idaho Public Television, the video won a "George Peabody Award," one of television's highest honors. The video focuses on the difficulties of growing up with mental illness. The video was distributed in Idaho as a curriculum tool to school counselors, teachers, and psychologists. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill also honored the video, as well as a second Idaho Department of Health and Welfare video, "In Our Own Voice," for excellence in education.



'OPENING WINDOWS' DEALS WITH TEEN SOCIAL ISSUES

"Opening Windows" is a one-act play that deals with social issues of teens ranging from eating disorders and suicide to teen pregnancy and substance abuse. The goal of "Opening Windows" is to raise awareness of and encourage solutions to many health-related social problems facing rural teens by presenting these issues in an innovative and powerful way.

The project is sponsored by the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Southeastern District Health Department Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, and the State Legislature. Communities throughout Idaho sponsor the production in a variety of ways: through school districts, health care providers, chambers of commerce, local law enforcement and drug prevention councils, and fine arts councils.

The touring play is performed in gyms, community centers, auditoriums and even movie theaters in rural and non-rural communities. The production is followed by an introduction of each communities' local resources and a facilitated question and answer session that allows the audience to connect with the assistance available in their area.



Idaho Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

In 1999, Governor Kempthorne reinforced Idaho's commitment to reducing teen pregnancies in Idaho through the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

Established in 1995 to reduce Idaho's rate of unintended adolescent pregnancies, the Council encourages Idaho teenagers to delay the onset of sexual activity. It works to raise awareness of the challenges presented by teen pregnancies.

There have been credible and encouraging results in the decline of Idaho teen pregnancy rates in the past four years, and the Governor's Council has spearheaded many of these efforts.

★ The Council is appointed by the Governor and is broadly representative of the public and private sectors. The council membership includes service providers and consumers and various other groups with an interest in adolescent pregnancy issues, including parents, students, legislators, the clergy, the news media, business and community representatives, and educators.

- ★ The Council develops, implements and evaluates a statewide, nationally recognized media campaign, and works collaboratively with other partners to help communities mobilize local action, create media campaigns, build strong coalitions, and develop successful public relations activities.
- ★ District Health Departments have taken the lead in the development of community-based adolescent pregnancy prevention programs with an abstinence message.
- ★ Health district efforts involve collaboration with child advocates, civic organizations, public schools and higher education institutions, and parents and teens to address the needs of adolescents in their areas.

"THE SUPPORT FROM GOVERNOR KEMPTHORNE AND THE FIRST LADY HAS BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE COUNCIL'S SUCCESS. THEIR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTION, EVENTS, AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS VALUE. THE COUNCIL PUTS A LOT OF FOCUS ON CREATING AND SUSTAINING LONG-TERM COMMUNITY EFFORTS WITH LASTING RESULTS. HAVING THE FIRST LADY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH AND IN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS AND LOCAL PROGRAM EVENTS STATEWIDE HAS BEEN A GREAT BENEFIT TO OUR EFFORTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL."

—Skip Oppenheimer, Chair
Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

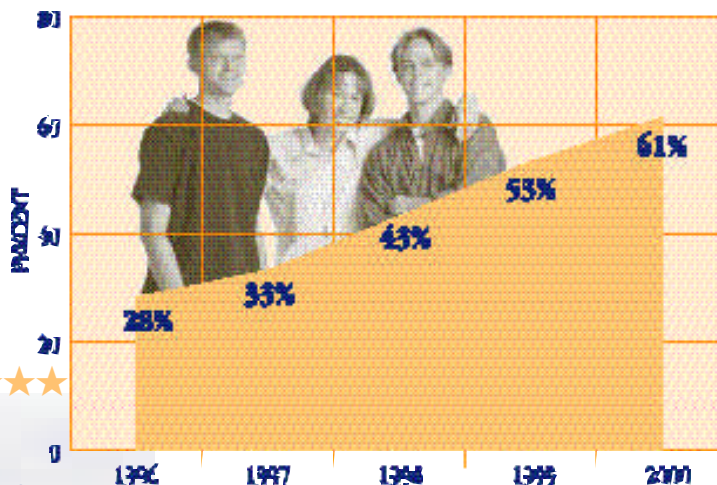


Idaho Governor's Council on
Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention



SEXUAL ABSTINENCE ADS INFLUENCE ON TEEN BEHAVIOR

After seeing or hearing an ad, the percent of teens wanting to delay or postpone having sexual intercourse



PEERS ENCOURAGING ABSTINENT KIDS (PEAK)

Peers Encouraging Abstinent Kids (PEAK) is an abstinence-only teen pregnancy program targeting sixth and seventh graders. It is supported by Idaho's Panhandle Health District and County Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalitions that were established following a recommendation from the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. The Coalitions that support PEAK have memberships that include public health officials, clergy, parents, elected officials, media, education, private business, adolescents, and doctors.

PEAK is designed to teach students ages 10–14 how to resist peer and social pressure to become sexually active. PEAK also teaches assertiveness techniques that are not only relevant in sexual situations but also in confrontations pre-teens may face in other areas such as smoking or drug use.



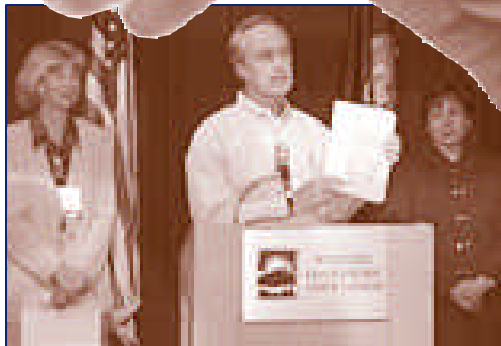


Adults



“SO, LET’S FOLLOW THIS MILLENNIUM GENERATION—FROM BIRTH TO MATURITY. LET THEM BE OUR STANDARD BY WHICH WE, THE LEADERS OF TODAY, MEASURE OUR EFFORTS FOR TOMORROW.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 1999





Governor's Initiative on Substance Abuse Treatment

"AFTER ALL, THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. PEOPLE. THIS IS A HUMAN ISSUE, AND IT IS A COMPLEX ONE. THERE ARE MANY AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS AND IDEAS, AREAS SUCH AS IDENTIFYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT WITH TODAY'S KIDS; PROVIDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT IN RURAL AREAS; AND DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION."

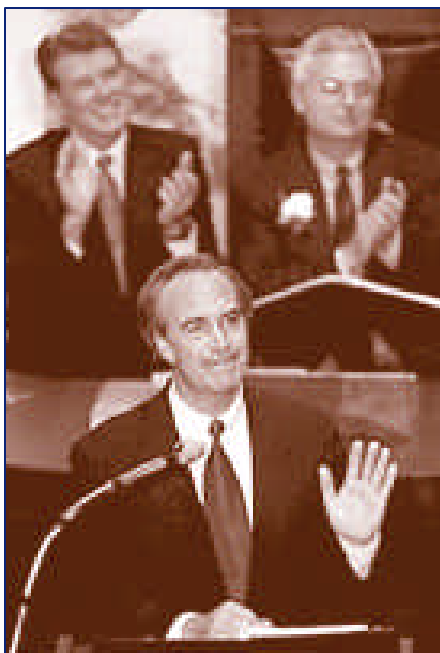
—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Governor Kempthorne has made substance abuse—alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs—treatment and prevention a priority. In April 2001, Governor Kempthorne signed legislation to provide funds for substance abuse treatment in Idaho's correctional facilities and funding for more community-based substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. This represents a major investment in substance abuse treatment and education programs both in prison and at the community level. The legislation also provided for the expansion of drug courts to every judicial district in the state.

Through this one piece of legislation, the Legislature, in support of the Governor's Substance Abuse Initiative, appropriated funds for the following:

- ★ Substance abuse treatment for offenders in Idaho prisons and under community supervision programs
- ★ Expansion of Idaho's drug court programs statewide
- ★ Community-based substance abuse treatment through the Department of Health and Welfare
- ★ Community-based substance abuse treatment for indigents delivered through the Department of Health and Welfare

The legislation also created an inter-branch agreement between the Idaho Supreme Court and Department of Health and Welfare concerning development of treatment options for drug court participants. The statute provides funds to the Department of Correction to increase the number of residential treatment beds and to provide group counseling to offenders in the prison system.



"THIS MARKS A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN IDAHO'S APPROACH TO THE ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne





IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Substance Abuse Programs

“NOT ONLY IS THERE A LAW ENFORCEMENT COST DUE TO INCREASED CRIME, WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THE COSTS TO SOCIETY OF INCREASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE, AND LOST WORKER PRODUCTIVITY THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANIES DRUG USE. DRUG USE DEVASTATES THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Governor Kempthorne’s 2001 Substance Abuse Initiative dramatically increased the Idaho Department of Correction’s offender assessment, programming, and educational opportunities for offenders at all levels of custody.

Idaho’s correctional system has steadily increased offender programs throughout the state.

These programs provide offenders with opportunities to make lasting changes in the values, attitudes, and behaviors that lead to criminal activities and address issues such as alcohol and drug dependence, criminal thinking, inadequate educational and vocational skills, and poor problem solving and social skills. Programs are based on

research and best practices proven to reduce further criminal behavior.

Under Governor Kempthorne’s leadership, Idaho’s prison system may be able to treat 80 percent of state inmates who have substance abuse problems. In 2001, the prison system had resources to treat about 30 percent of inmates.

“THROUGH THE GOVERNOR’S INITIATIVE, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A REMARKABLE POLICY COALITION. IDAHO’S SUPREME COURT, STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TEAMED UP ON A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE TO DEVELOP A COMMON AGENDA. INSTEAD OF PRESENTING DIFFERENT PIECES FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, THESE PIECES WERE PULLED TOGETHER INTO A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC POLICY.”

—Norma Jaeger, Acting Chief
Bureau of Offender Programs, Idaho Department of Correction



ASSESSMENT: THE FOUNDATION OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING

Commitment to assessment tools, processes, on-going training, and quality assurance is a cornerstone of Idaho’s system for appropriate intervention. Implementation of a system-wide assessment process ensures that all offenders within the Idaho Department of Correction’s jurisdiction receive a battery of

quantifiable assessments. This assessment process identifies factors associated with criminal behavior.

The foundation of the Department of Correction’s assessment process is the Level of Service Inventory—Revised. Secondary assessments include mental health, vocational aptitude, sex offender, substance

abuse, criminal thinking, and I.Q. This comprehensive assessment process allows the Department of Correction to better understand each offender’s needs and place them in the most appropriate facilities, units, work groups, and programs. It also provides a baseline for future measurement of offender change.





A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Attention has been given to not only increasing the level of services available to offenders, but to creating a continuum of services. The assessment process identifies appropriate targets for behavior change efforts. Services are provided to offenders at various points during their commitment to the Department of Correction. Major programs provided to offenders, based on their assessed needs, include:

- ★ Alcohol/drug education—treatment preparation
- ★ Cognitive self change
- ★ Social skills and problem solving
- ★ Alcohol and drug residential treatment
- ★ Life skills
- ★ Relapse prevention
- ★ Twelve-step groups—Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous



“THIS PROVIDES IMMEASURABLE TOOLS TO HELP INMATES STOP THE REVOLVING DOOR.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

“THE GOVERNOR’S INITIATIVE OFFERS MORE THAN FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. HIS INITIATIVE FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE SYSTEM—FOCUSING ON WHAT WORKS AND HOW WE WANT THE SYSTEM TO FUNCTION. THE GOVERNOR’S INITIATIVE IS SHINING THE LIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSMENT AND LIFE SKILLS.”

—Norma Jaeger, Acting Chief, Bureau of Offender Programs
Idaho Department of Correction

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Women’s Programs

“I AM DEDICATED TO BUILDING LIVES, NOT PRISONS. WE WANT TO HELP FEMALE INMATES GET THEIR LIVES BACK.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

In Governor Kempthorne’s 2001 State of the State address, he asked the Legislature to expand treatment at the Pocatello women’s correctional facility as well as prisons statewide.

The Pocatello Women’s Correctional Center is the only Idaho prison for women. To meet the unique needs of female offenders, programming and activities are designed to increase employability and independence,

encourage family integration and bonding during incarceration, and foster family stability and support after release.

The Governor’s Substance Abuse Initiative has resulted in an expansion of substance abuse treatment programs for women in Idaho’s correctional facility. The Legislature approved a measure to build additional prison beds in the women’s facility dedicated to treatment of substance abuse for women in 2001.



Correctional Education in Idaho

“WE ARE NOT GOING TO WAREHOUSE PEOPLE. IN IDAHO, WE ARE GOING TO BUILD LIVES, NOT PRISONS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Governor Kempthorne has shown personal interest in the individual success of offenders under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction. He also has recognized the fiscal drain of crime and incarceration. In his January 2001 State of the State address, Governor Kempthorne voiced his expectations that the Department of Correction provide effective programs and educational services. His proposed budget included resources necessary to meet his expectations.

The Governor's leadership has led to increased opportunities for offenders in Idaho to address and conquer the barriers that have prevented their living successfully in our communities.

Since the late 1970s, the education of offenders had received little attention. The prevailing belief that “nothing works” in preparing criminals to return successfully to the community limited Idaho's delivery of educational services and substance abuse programs. Slowly, however, research has demonstrated that well-

designed programs delivered appropriately do, in fact, result in ex-offenders becoming productive, responsible, crime-free members of society. Consequently, support for correctional education has increased, and with this support has come expectations of positive results. Idaho has stepped affirmatively in this new direction.

The Robert Janss School offers educational services in Idaho's Correctional facilities. The school is a special-purpose school accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and offers adult offenders in Idaho:

- ★ Adult basic education
- ★ English as second language
- ★ High school equivalency and GED
- ★ Special education
- ★ General employability classes (pre-employment training)
- ★ Short-term vocational courses (specific job skills training)
- ★ Life skills education
- ★ Parent education



Mac Bledsoe, President and Co-founder of the Drew Bledsoe Foundation, and Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne congratulate graduates at Idaho Correction Institute—Orofino.

“THE GOVERNOR'S INVESTMENT IN PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION HAS CAUSED THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO ALTER HOW IT CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS. WE NO LONGER CAN TAKE THE SHORTSIGHTED STANCE IN WHICH IT IS ENOUGH SIMPLY TO MANAGE OUR INSTITUTIONS SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY. OUR NEW FOCUS, RESULTING FROM THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE, RECOGNIZES OUR ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT RESULT IN OFFENDERS RETURNING TO COMMUNITIES AS CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS WHO LIVE PRODUCTIVELY AND CRIME-FREE.”

—Doug Gray, Education Bureau Chief
Department of Correction





Educational profile of offenders under jurisdiction of Idaho Department of Correction upon arriving:

- ★ 70 percent failed to complete a traditional high school education
- ★ 40 percent have neither graduated from high school nor earned a secondary education equivalency
- ★ 39 percent have literacy levels below 9th grade

Accomplishments for 2001:

- ★ 2,871 students are participating in correctional educational services
- ★ 409 student offenders completed secondary education (7 high school diplomas; 402 GED/High School Equivalency certificates)
- ★ 770 students raised literacy assessment one or more levels

"THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT OF EDUCATION HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUALS IN TREATMENT. THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING HAS BUILT UPON EXISTING PRACTICES WHICH HAVE SHOWN EFFECTIVENESS."

*—Tammy Majors, Grant Officer
Department of Correction*



CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In August 2000, Idaho developed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a general framework for participation, interaction, and collaboration among agencies to identify and monitor relevant projects and to report to the respective boards or governing bodies. Representation on this committee includes:

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| ★ Office of the Governor | ★ Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| ★ Idaho Board of Correction | ★ Division of Professional-Technical Education (State Board of Education) |
| ★ Idaho Department of Labor | ★ Division of Institutional Services (Department of Correction) |
| ★ Idaho Commission for Pardons and Parole | |
| ★ Idaho State Board of Education | |
| ★ Superintendent of Public Instruction | |



"IDAHO'S EMPHASIS ON TREATMENT AND EDUCATION IN THE PRISONS CAN BE A MODEL FOR OTHER STATES."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Life Skills Demonstration Project—The Department of Correction received one of 13 federal grants to study the effects of providing life skills education to incarcerated felons. The study confirmed that education designed to provide socialization affects post-release employment and recidivism.

Parenting with Dignity—In March 1999, the Drew Bledsoe Foundation provided a parenting curriculum to the Department of Correction. The class was integrated into the pre-employment training course; 335 male offenders have completed the class.

Short-term, post-secondary vocational training—Idaho received funding from the U.S. Office of Correctional Education to develop a distance learning system primarily used to provide eligible inmates short-term vocational courses developed by the state's higher education system. Post-release follow-up has shown higher employment rates for inmates who completed courses than for offenders who did not complete available courses.



Idaho's Drug Courts

“WITH THIS EXPANDED TREATMENT NETWORK, JUDGES CAN USE THE FLEXIBILITY OF DRUG COURTS TO SENTENCE AN INDIVIDUAL TO COMMUNITY TREATMENT—NOT TO PRISON.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

In 2001, Governor Kempthorne signed legislation to expand drug courts in Idaho. A coordinated effort by the legislative, judicial, and executive branches, this legislation reduces the incidence of drug abuse and addiction and the costs associated with incarceration and recidivism while protecting the community.

The drug courts goals include:

- ★ Lower overcrowding of jails and prisons
- ★ Reduce alcohol and drug abuse and dependency among criminal and juvenile offenders
- ★ Hold offenders accountable
- ★ Reduce recidivism
- ★ Promote effective interaction and use of resources among the courts, justice system personnel, and community agencies

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Idaho's Supreme Court created a drug court coordinating committee consisting of the Governor's Office, judges, court administrators, county probation officers, treatment providers, and representatives from the departments of Correction, Juvenile Corrections, Education, and Health and Welfare. The committee's implementation plan forges partnerships among the courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations. Idaho's drug courts can accommodate up to 525 offenders in substance abuse treatment programs at any given time.

“HAVING WORKED IN OTHER STATE COURT SYSTEMS, THE LEVEL OF INTER-BRANCH COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PROBLEM SOLVING IN IDAHO IS EXTRAORDINARY, WHETHER ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OR REDUCING DELAYS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.”

—Patti Tobias, Administrative Director, Idaho Supreme Court
Member of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

COORDINATED FAMILY SERVICES

An additional piece of legislation enacted in 2001 set in place a structure for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of coordinated family services delivered through the Idaho Supreme Court. The legislation came in response to the increasing incidence of children and family members appearing in more than one court proceeding, including juvenile corrections, domestic violence, adoptions, and child protection actions. This legislation provides funds to coordinate diverse cases and related family services.

PARENTING CLASSES

As part of coordinated family services, all judicial districts offer parenting classes for divorcing parents. These classes make a significant impact on parents, helping them recognize the harmful impacts of high-conflict on children. Drug court teams link parenting class participants with other appropriate community resources.

IDAHO COURT INSTITUTES ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Idaho Court Institutes on Children and Families are held annually. These summits provide a multi-disciplinary forum for each branch and department of Idaho's government to improve court practices for cases involving Idaho's families and children.



Governor's Interagency Substance Abuse Task Force

"WE WANT A SEAMLESS APPROACH BETWEEN STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO FIGHT THESE PEDDLERS OF POISON. WE OUTLINED OUR STATEWIDE METHAMPHETAMINE STRATEGY, AND RECEIVED VALUABLE INSIGHT FROM COUNTY SHERIFFS, PROSECUTORS, LOCAL POLICE CHIEFS AND OTHER AGENCIES."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
November 10, 1999

The Governor's Interagency Substance Abuse Task Force is the Governor's Cabinet level advisory team on the issue of substance abuse. The Task Force envisions an Idaho united in its efforts to combat substance abuse where individuals and families are safe to work, learn and play in their communities without suffering the harmful consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Governor Kempthorne convened the Task Force to work with community stakeholders to develop a long-

term comprehensive and coordinated substance abuse strategic plan for the state of Idaho.

The Task Force is composed of the directors of the departments of Education, Correction, Juvenile Corrections, Transportation, Health and Welfare, and Idaho State Police. The Task Force has agreed on a continuum of care for substance abuse services that includes prevention, intervention, assessment, education, treatment, and aftercare.

Combating Methamphetamine



"THIS IS THE STRONGEST MESSAGE WE CAN SEND TO ANYONE. AND THAT IS IF YOU'RE GOING TO MIX THESE CHEMICALS, WHICH INCLUDE DRANO AND LIGHTER FLUID, TO CREATE THAT POISON THAT YOU WOULD PUT DOWN THE THROATS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN IDAHO, YOU PEDDLERS OF POISON ARE GOING TO GO TO PRISON—NO IFS, ANDS OR BUTS!"

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
At the signing of Senate Bill 1216, March 22, 1999

Governor Kempthorne implemented a broad, comprehensive strategy to combat manufacturing, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in Idaho. Resources are being devoted to the Idaho State Police, including additional personnel, equipment, and training. Also, the Governor proposed, and the Legislature approved, mandatory minimum sentences for those who manufacture or attempt to manufacture methamphetamine.

- ★ In 2000, the Idaho State Police seized 104 pounds of methamphetamine, more than three times the amount seized the year before.
- ★ The number of methamphetamine labs seized increased 74 percent from 1998 to 1999. The following year, the number of labs seized was dramatically reduced because of the strong laws that put offenders behind bars, the continued training of local law enforcement, and the on-going efforts of Idaho State Police to educate the public on the dangers of methamphetamine.



“THAT’S WHY WE ARE HERE. FOR THE CHILDREN. FOR A SAFER SOCIETY. FOR A BETTER FUTURE. NO ONE CAN FIGHT THIS BATTLE ALONE. NO ONE AGENCY OR STATE HAS THE SOLUTION. BUT WORKING TOGETHER AS A REGIONAL TEAM, WE CAN COMBINE THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SIT ON THE SIDELINES.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Western Governors’ Association Drug Summit 2001



THE WESTERN GOVERNORS’ ASSOCIATION DRUG SUMMIT

Governor Kempthorne served as chairman of the Western Governors’ Association. He hosted the Western Governors’ Association Drug Summit in 2001 in Boise. The drug summit represented a culmination of cross-state efforts. The governor attended two drug policy academies held in Nebraska and Arizona the previous year.

Western governors and experts from across the country attended the drug summit. The summit focused on effective solutions for reducing drug and alcohol abuse through prevention, treatment, education, and enforcement.

The summit focused on issues such as innovations in treatment and prevention programs, innovations in the court system, ideas to slow the growing use and abuse of methamphetamine, treatment in today’s managed health care, and public opinion related to drug policy.



“THE CONFERENCE OPENED LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE LEADERS, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE EXPERTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DISCIPLINES HAVE BEEN TO MEETINGS, MANY MEETINGS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT ALL BEEN TOGETHER. THEY’VE BEEN MEETING HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

“THE GOVERNOR’S INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS RAISED THE VISIBILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO A LEVEL, THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALCOHOLISM INTOXICATION AND TREATMENT ACT IN 1970S.”

—Pharis Stanger, Substance Abuse Project Manager
Department of Health and Welfare



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

The Department of Health and Welfare partners with volunteer Regional Substance Abuse Authorities to service priorities for substance abuse prevention and treatment services. This provides the structure for interagency collaboration at the local level.

Services are delivered through contracts and grants with private non-profit and public agencies.

In state fiscal year 2001, Health and Welfare had the capacity to serve 4,422 adults and 1,048 adolescents in treatment. This was up from 4,373 adults and 828 adolescents treated in 2000.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS

Instituted Placement Criteria—The Department implemented the nationally recognized substance abuse treatment placement criteria developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). This helps match clients to the appropriate level of treatment care.

Care Management Services—The Department added a care management component to substance abuse treatment services. This is separate from the treatment provider component and determines financial and clinical eligibility and authorizes all services before delivery. This service matches clients to the appropriate level of care and helps ensure that they are moving through the treatment process according to placement criteria.

Competency Based Curriculum Development and Higher Education Courses—The Department created a group of addiction studies coordinators from Boise State University, College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho. Named IDEAS!, this group has developed a competency-based curriculum to train certified alcohol drug abuse counselors.

This curriculum and program is a leader in the northwest and is teaming with the Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center to address substance abuse counselor workforce issues in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The Department also is coordinating with the departments of Correction and Labor to address workforce issues in Idaho.

Services for Indigent Citizens—Throughout the state, the Department has established substance abuse treatment services for indigent citizens abusing or dependent on alcohol or other drugs.

Hispanic Counselor Recruitment and Stipend Program—The Department contracts with the Commission on Hispanic Affairs to recruit and support students to become certified alcohol drug counselors to address the shortage of counselors for monolingual Hispanic clients.

Child Protection/Substance Abuse Treatment Programs—Health and Welfare's Substance Abuse Program and the Child Protection Program are coordinating to pilot child protection/substance abuse treatment programs in two regions of the state.

These programs are showing promising results in addressing factors created by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act. Families benefit through the improved coordination.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Adult Mental Health Services

Idaho's public mental health system focuses on a comprehensive, integrated, consumer and family-guided system of care. The vision includes an emphasis on early intervention, promotion of normalized life, encouraging self-reliance, enhancing

functional ability, and recognizing and supporting the diversity of individuals and families. The state's adult mental health plan emphasizes development of supports to maintain individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in the community.



2000 'ANTI-STIGMA' CAMPAIGN

The Department of Health and Welfare developed a public awareness campaign in 2000 to improve public understanding of mental illness. Idaho schools received copies of "Hearts and Minds," a 30-minute video about Idaho teens living and coping with mental illness. The Department partnered with Idaho Public Television to produce "In Our Own Voice," a one-hour documentary about mental illness. In addition, the campaign produced three television commercials and launched the Red Flags project in Idaho schools with support from the Office of the Governor.



ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT)

Idaho has been recognized nationally for its assertive community treatment (ACT) program. In the ACT model, a multidisciplinary team works collaboratively to deliver the treatment, rehabilitation, and support services needed to live successfully in the community. This team includes social workers, a nurse, psychiatrist, and vocational rehabilitation counselor. Services are delivered in the client's neighborhood, workplace, or home.



TREATMENT OF CO-OCCURRING MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Idaho understands that treating mental illness and substance abuse separately is no longer efficient or effective for many individuals who need help. Instead, Idaho recognizes that for many people these two disorders occur together and need to be treated together. National studies estimate that between 50 and 70 percent of people with serious mental illness also have a substance abuse problem.

"ACT IS A ONE-STOP SHOPPING APPROACH TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS TYPES OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND WHO ARE AT GREATEST RISK OF RE-HOSPITALIZATION. THIS NATURAL COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION RESULTS IN MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES. IN A WORD, EVERY MEMBER OF THE TEAM DOES WHATEVER IS NEEDED, WHEREVER AND WHENEVER IT'S NEEDED, TO SUPPORT THE CLIENT IN THE COMMUNITY."

*Roy Sargeant, Chief
Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*



PARTNERSHIP WITH IDAHO DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Idaho places high importance on placing or returning persons with mental illness to work and productivity. A division of vocational rehabilitation counselor is assigned full time to work with the adult mental health program in each of Idaho's seven regions.



PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The availability of mental health services in the private sector continues to expand in Idaho. With increasing interest in privatization, emphasis will be placed on the development of new public/private partnerships.

"WE STARTED AN INTENSIVE, STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE CONCEPTS OF RECOVERY AND SELF-HELP. IN OUR ADULT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS—AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE PLANNING COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH—WE ARE BEGINNING TO TALK ABOUT RECOVERY. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SHIFT IN HOW WE SEE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. IT'S REALLY ABOUT SELF-HELP, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION."

—Karl Kurtz, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
2001 Suicide Prevention Symposium



IDAHO STATE PLANNING COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

The 40-member Idaho State Planning Council on Mental Health includes advocates, consumers, regional mental health advisory board members, and state agency representatives. The Council submits an annual report to the Governor regarding accomplishments and needs within the public mental health system.



"CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS ARE NO LONGER FOR US THE EXCEPTION, THEY ARE THE EXPECTATION. OUR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS IN FOUR OF IDAHO'S REGIONS OPERATE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS PROGRAMS. THIS APPROACH HAS TRULY BEEN AN INNOVATION IN OUR STATE."

Roy Sargeant, Chief, Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Idaho's First Lady Patricia Kempthorne helped dispel myths about mental illness by appearing in a statewide television campaign sponsored by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The 2001 campaign consisted of three commercials that also won national Telly Awards.





Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act

EVERY WOMAN MATTERS

In March 2001, Governor Kempthorne signed into law "Every Woman Matters." Effective July 1, 2001, this legislation provides breast and cervical cancer treatment for women diagnosed through the Women's Health Check, Idaho's breast and cervical cancer early detection program. The federal government provides a match of \$4 for every dollar the state spends on cancer treatment covered through Medicaid.

- ★ Idaho is among the first 10 states in the nation to pass this legislation and receive approval for its treatment coverage plan.

- ★ The first Idaho woman enrolled in the program and received treatment July 3, 2001.
- ★ As of September 19, 2001, a total of 15 women received breast or cervical cancer treatment through the "Every Woman Matters" portion of Medicaid.

The program is available to Idaho women who are between 50 and 60 years of age with limited income and without health insurance coverage and who are enrolled, screened, and diagnosed through Idaho's Women's Health Check.



IDAHO PINK TEAS

Idaho's Pink Teas are an Idaho tradition that take place each fall as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Idaho's First Lady and local organizations serve as hosts of the Pink Teas. The teas provide an opportunity for breast cancer survivors, family, friends, and advocates to come together and celebrate life. Since 2000, First Lady Patricia Kempthorne has served as host at Pink Teas in Boise, Twin Falls, Salmon, and Gooding.

Idaho Women's Commission

The mission of the Idaho Women's Commission is to encourage Idaho women to increase their participation and contributions to the social, political, and economic progress of Idaho communities, the state, and the nation. The Commission engages in activities that encourage and stimulate the development of strong families:

- ★ In 2001, the Commission launched a series of statewide workshops called "Women in Leadership" that focused on "Women in Politics." The

workshops covered topics ranging from the importance of volunteerism at local schools to running for statewide office.

- ★ The Commission printed 11,000 copies of "Idaho Laws, a Guide for Women and Families."
- ★ The Commission helps young mothers in Idaho's prisons by providing books and encouraging them to read to their children. The Commission also offers encouragement to women in prison to stay sober and break the cycle of child neglect.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Services to Children and Families

The Idaho Department of Labor offers a variety of services to families and children through Job Service offices throughout the state. Services range from basic labor exchange services, available to the general public, to activities that meet the needs of

specific populations, including youth. Overall, on average, Job Service connects with more than 200 Idaho businesses and schools to provide services to more than 24,000 in- and out-of-school youth.



STUDENT PROGRAMS

- ★ Tours of Job Service offices are provided to about 1,400 students annually to acquaint them with services and information available at these offices.
- ★ Job Service offices across Idaho partner with businesses to offer job fairs to as many as 4,000 students annually.
- ★ In a given year, local offices participate in career fairs with local schools attended by about 15,000 students.
- ★ Job search workshops are provided to more than 3,000 students annually at schools across the state.
- ★ In 2000, more than 900 Idaho youth received services aimed at dropout prevention, educational enhancement, and employment.
- ★ Job Service hosts students in a variety of work activities. It sponsors interns, hires youth as temporary employees, serves as work sites for work-study programs. Job Service also sponsors juvenile offenders completing community service hours.
- ★ “ACE” camp, a summer program in north Idaho, begins with two days of Academic and Citizenship Enrichment (ACE). Youth participate in activities designed to improve teamwork, effective communication, self-esteem, problem solving, and decision-making. This is followed by workshops that focus on interviewing skills, labor market orientation, work ethics, applications, cultural diversity, and sexual harassment, which in turn is followed by actual experience working at public sector worksites.
- ★ A project in south central Idaho serves non-college bound youth, 18–21 years of age, who desire full-time, unsubsidized employment with good earnings and medical benefits. Participants meet with local hiring authorities and tour local employer job sites where they receive workplace safety training, CPR training, and First Aid Certification. Trainees are taught job-seeking skills and personal computer skills that relate specifically to a work environment.



REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

In Idaho, apprenticeship is used extensively by various sectors of the economy to train the necessary skilled workforce. An apprentice in Idaho who successfully completes a registered apprenticeship program through the Department of Labor receives a

nationally recognized Certificate of Completion from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. About 1,200 to 1,400 registered apprentices were in training in Idaho in 2001.



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION **Idaho Displaced Homemaker Program**

In Idaho, adult single parents and displaced homemakers are served through a network of counseling centers called Centers for New Directions. These Centers provide a full range of services targeted to meet employment readiness needs. They are situated on the campuses of Idaho's six technical colleges that are located regionally to best serve the majority of Idaho residents.

In 2001, the Centers for New Directions provided services for more than 1,500 displaced homemakers as they moved from dependence to independence. Vocational equity grants allow each Center to provide pre-vocational training and stipends for participants wishing to enter a non-traditional professional-technical education program.

Idaho Workforce Development Council

At the beginning of Governor Kempthorne's administration, he reaffirmed the importance of the Workforce Development Council established by Governor Phil Batt. The Council provides strategic direction and oversight of Idaho's workforce development system. Its members represent business, workers, education, government, and community-based organizations from every region of the state. The primary role of the Council is to advise the Governor and the State Board of Education on strategies designed to yield high quality workforce investment services for Idaho's businesses, job seekers, and students.

The Council is committed to the Governor's belief that by improving access to quality education and training services and expanding business and employment opportunities, Idaho can enhance quality of life and contribute to the well being of families and their children.

Goals of the Workforce Development Council that impact Idaho families and children:

- ★ Establish a comprehensive workforce delivery system. The Workforce Development Council provides leadership to IdahoWorks boards. Council

programs, accessed through IdahoWorks Centers in each area, offer a wide range of employment and training services to youth and families to promote self-sufficiency and the ability to provide for families.

- ★ Support a comprehensive educational system for all students that includes rigorous school-based learning and relevant work-based learning. The Council assumed the role of the "School-to-Work" collaborative team, overseeing the implementation of school-based and work-based initiatives to provide comprehensive education and training for youth. The Council also oversees special efforts to assist at-risk youth or those with special needs in becoming self-sufficient members of the workforce.
- ★ Provide opportunities for and encourage life-long skill development for Idaho's current and transitional workforce. Operating under the umbrella of IdahoWorks, Idaho's workforce development partners collaborate to ensure all workers and their families have the opportunity to participate fully in the workforce at a level that brings self-sufficiency and balances work and family life.



IdahoWorks

IdahoWorks is organized to help businesses find qualified employees, graduates find first jobs, and workers find new job opportunities. The IdahoWorks Workforce is comprised of private sector representatives who assist and evaluate needed skill training, appropriate job opportunities, and provide labor market information.

- ★ Job seekers can connect directly to a growing list of workforce services and information through the IdahoWorks web site.
- ★ There are 471 IdahoWorks customer computers in 144 state and local “one-stop” partner offices, schools, libraries, and community resource centers across Idaho. These computers provide access to a wealth of workforce services and information.
- ★ IdahoWorks kiosks, single computer stations, are being placed in 30 locations throughout Idaho.



YOUTH COUNCILS

In 1999, each IdahoWorks Board appointed Youth Councils across Idaho to coordinate a comprehensive youth service system that prepares young people for further learning and employment. The Councils consist of local IdahoWorks Board members and community members interested in youth services. The Youth Council role varies from area to area, but each has responsibility under the Workforce Investment Act for designing a comprehensive youth service system.

The Youth Councils participate in efforts to bring together service providers and policy advisors in education, workforce development, juvenile justice, and other social service and non-profit organizations. In one case, a major regional conference was used to familiarize teachers and others in education with the variety of community services available to youth. Another Youth Council helped facilitate a “service provider” fair to expand the awareness of services in the community.

Idaho Child Care Program

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare operates the Idaho Child Care Program, a child care subsidy program for families with limited income. Families may be eligible for assistance with childcare expenses if they are working, looking for work, attending training or education programs, or need preventive services.

The program has experienced substantial growth since Governor Kempthorne took office in 1999. That January, the program served 6,441 children. In May 2001, the number of children served had grown to 10,523. In fiscal year 1999, the Idaho Child Care Program provided \$16.5 million in childcare subsidies. In fiscal year 2001, spending reached \$27.3 million.

The Department of Health and Welfare also works to improve the availability and quality of childcare across the state. Because of the Governor’s “Generation of the Child” Initiative:

- ★ The Idaho Child Care Program Oversight Committee was created to study childcare issues and recommend improvements to the program.
- ★ A project team was established to implement the Oversight Committee’s recommendations.
- ★ A permanent advisory panel was established to provide guidance to the Department of Health and Welfare on childcare issues.



Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance

The Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance is a governor-appointed advisory board for programs and services affecting victims of domestic violence and other crimes in Idaho.

- ★ In 2000, the Council awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to programs that serve crime victims:
 - ☆ 41 % was awarded to domestic violence programs
 - ☆ 22 % to sexual assault programs
 - ☆ 16 % to child abuse programs
 - ☆ 21 % to other programs including drunk driving, juvenile courts, and victim/witness
- ★ In 2001, about 350 law enforcement personnel, health care workers, and legal and other professionals discussed the rights of victims at the Council's statewide training conference.

- ★ The Council developed standards for domestic violence personnel and shelters, sexual assault programs, and batterer treatment programs.

As part of the Governor's "Generation of the Child" Initiative, the Council aids many programs that benefit children or their families either with services directly related to a crime or with prevention services.

- ★ The Council's special Family Violence and Children Grant is available for innovative programs that address the impact of family violence on children.
- ★ The Council also works with programs that help victims of child abuse.
- ★ The Council provides funding for several "Healthy Families" programs that work to prevent crimes by educating parents and making resources available to them.

Hispanic Cultural Center

"WE NEED TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE HERITAGE OF OUR HISPANIC CITIZENS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO IDAHO."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

Governor Kempthorne led a delegation to Mexico to join in celebrating "Idaho Week in Jalisco" in 1999. While there, the Governor accepted a \$50,000 gift from the Governor of Jalisco, Mexico, Alberto Cardenas, for the state of Idaho to build a Hispanic Cultural Center. The Center will be built in Nampa and will serve as a cultural and learning center focused on Hispanic heritage.

Governor Kempthorne recommended a matching \$50,000 state grant to help build the Hispanic Cultural Center through the Department of Commerce's budget.



This was originally requested by the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, but was shifted to the Department of Commerce in the Governor's recommendation.

The Center is in the midst of a membership drive and sale of its annual calendar. The calendar features major American and Hispanic holidays as well as a listing of most of the Hispanic non-profit entities in the state. Sales will support the Center's operating budget.



Idaho Commission on the Arts

The Commission on the Arts is Idaho's principal cultural agency. The Commission's goals include:

- ★ Striving to provide artistic opportunities for all of Idaho's communities
- ★ Endeavoring to make the arts part of the formal education of Idaho's children
- ★ Supporting Idaho's visual, performing, and literary artists
- ★ Encouraging and recognizing Idaho's tradition-bearers
- ★ Serving as partner, facilitator, and advocate

In 1999, to enhance the quality of education in rural communities, Governor Kempthorne saw the need for children in rural schools to experience live theater, dance, and music. Today, rural school districts bring artists to their schools, using a combination of state and local district funds.

The Governor and the Idaho Legislature supported a statewide tour of schools highlighting dance. As part of the Arts Millennium Project 2000, funds were available to allow children from each Idaho county to be trained in music, theater, and dance through a Performing Arts Camp administered by Ballet Idaho.

In 2001, the Idaho Commission on the Arts presented a statewide conference titled "Arts Matter!" for artists, educators, arts organizations, administrators, civic leaders, and parents. Idaho saw four of the nation's leaders in arts education, advocacy, accessibility, and programs for juvenile offenders—live and inspiringly personable—during the two-day conference, which gathered over 330 members of the arts and educational community from around the state.

The Art Commission's budget now approaches \$1.5 million. Two-thirds of that amount comes through an appropriation approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Kempthorne. The National Endowment provides the remaining funds.



"THE 'ARTS MATTER!' CONFERENCE ENERGIZED A CONSTITUENCY OF TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AS WELL AS ARTISTS, AND WILL CLEARLY BE A HARBINGER OF GOOD THINGS TO COME FOR CHILDREN AND CITIZENS, EXTENDING INTO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF RURAL AND LESS-RURAL IDAHO. CLEARLY, THE ARTS MATTER IN EVERYDAY LIFE IN EVERYDAY PLACES ALL OVER THIS GREAT STATE; AND SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS IS ONLY GOING TO KEEP GETTING BETTER. THE NATION'S EXPERTS BELIEVE IN US; THE STATE'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS SUPPORTIVE AND PROUDLY JOINING IN; AND THE TALENT, AS DEMONSTRATED DURING THE CONFERENCE BY TEACHERS AND ARTISTS ALIKE, IS AN INCREDIBLE STATEWIDE, HOMEGROWN RESOURCE—READY AND AVAILABLE FOR ALL."

—Mark Hofflund, Chair, Idaho Commission on the Arts

"PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE ARTS IS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS FOR DEVELOPING YOUNG MINDS. CREATIVITY, STRUCTURE, EXPRESSION, AND ESPECIALLY SELF DISCIPLINE ALL ARE PART OF THE INSEPARABLE NATURE BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ARTS. GOVERNOR KEMPTHORNE AND THE FIRST LADY THROUGH THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD' INITIATIVE UNDERSTAND THIS FUNDAMENTAL LINK IN THE CONTINUUM OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE THE ARTS PLAY IN ENHANCING ALL OF OUR LIVES AS ADULTS."

—Sean Wilson, Commissioner, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Moscow



Seniors

"I HAVE DECLARED THIS THE 'GENERATION OF THE CHILD.' AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OUR CHILDREN, IT IS THE EXPERIENCES, THE LOVE AND THE VALUES OF OUR SENIORS."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne





Idaho Commission on the Aging

“ADULT CHILDREN, RECOGNIZE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR PARENTS, WHO SOMEDAY MAY NEED YOUR HELP, JUST AS YOU ONCE NEEDED THEIRS.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 2000



- ★ The 2000 Census reported that 15 percent of Idaho's population is 60 years of age or older. By 2025, seniors are projected to make up 21.5 percent of Idaho's population.
- ★ In 2001, Governor Kempthorne proposed an initiative to make more funds available for in-home services to help seniors remain at home. During the 2001 legislative session, an additional \$900,000 was appropriated for senior programs in Idaho, including home delivered meals, case management, and transportation services. In addition, \$100,000 of state funding was appropriated for the family caregiver program, enabling more elderly to stay home with their loved ones.
- ★ Funds provided through Governor Kempthorne's initiative are now allowing the Idaho Commission on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging to help more seniors remain at home and in their communities and to address the needs of more Idaho senior citizens, especially in rural and isolated communities.
- ★ As the elderly population continues to grow, the Idaho Commission on Aging and the Governor will be carefully reviewing the results of programs using these funds.
- ★ In 2000, forty-seven Tax Commission employees volunteered time to help on programs such as Volunteer Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly. In addition, the Idaho State Tax Commission provided presentations to the Service Corps of Retired Executives.
- ★ Many Idaho seniors are experiencing the rewards of volunteering their time. Through the Senior Volunteer Program, more than 4,000 retired volunteers provided 622,690 hours of community service in 2001 with programs such as “America Reads”—a tutoring program for children in grades kindergarten through third grade.
- ★ In 2001, 205 senior volunteers provided 181,656 hours of community service as Foster Grandparents. Most worked as “grandparents” in Head Start programs, Youth Service Centers, Child Development Centers, Teen Parent Programs, and programs for special needs children in elementary schools.
- ★ 127 senior volunteers provided 104,400 hours in home companionship to homebound seniors in 2001.

“SEVERAL GROUPS OF CAREGIVERS ARE GROWING—GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN AND EVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, ADULTS CARING FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PARENTS, AND PEOPLE IN THEIR 70S CARING FOR PARENTS AND RELATIVES IN THEIR 90S. THESE CARING ADULTS ARE FREQUENTLY UNPREPARED FOR THIS UNEXPECTED RESPONSIBILITY. THE IDAHO COMMISSION ON AGING HOPES TO USE NEW FUNDS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, TRAINING AND SERVICES TO HELP THEM COPE WITH THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.”

—Lois Bauer, Director, Idaho Commission on Aging



Community-Based Intergenerational Activities

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MENTORING

Big Brothers Big Sisters programs offer children volunteer mentors who share with a child activities that they both enjoy, for example, fishing or chess. Seniors also join children during school lunch time as “school buddies” through mentoring programs. Once a week, senior mentors join youth at the YMCA to share a book or do math fractions, and then spend an hour enjoying recreation. Currently, 13 seniors are volunteer mentors in Big Brothers Big Sisters Southwest program.



“SO MANY CHILDREN ARE GROWING UP IN ISOLATION FROM ADULTS. MENTORING OFFERS A WONDERFUL, PERSONAL OPPORTUNITY TO RE-CONNECT THE GENERATIONS. EACH TIME A SENIOR BECOMES A MENTOR, A LUCKY CHILD BENEFITS FROM A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SENIOR MENTOR GETS TO ENJOY THE MAGIC OF CHILDHOOD ONCE AGAIN. EVERYONE IS RICHER FOR THE EXPERIENCE.”

—Cindy Mesko, Executive Director
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho

THE ‘GROWING PLACE’

The “Growing Place” is an Easter Seals/Goodwill Child Development Center that offers an innovative early care and early education program. It encourages children of all abilities to learn, play and grow together with the help of seniors. The Center provides a nurturing environment and the opportunity to interact daily with built-in grandmas and grandpas. The “Growing Place” is actually located in the same building as the Capitol Care facility for senior citizens, a setting that naturally allows for daily intergenerational activities.





Idaho Division of Veterans Services

PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY

Idaho operates State Veterans Homes in Boise, Pocatello, and Lewiston, enabling veterans in need of services to remain close to their families and communities. Qualified State Service Officers are located at each veterans home to assist both veterans in the community and in the homes with Veterans Affairs, Social Security, and Medicaid benefits. Each facility offers its residents a wide variety of social, physical, and spiritual opportunities.

The Idaho Veterans Affairs Commission consists of five representatives appointed by the governor. The Division of Veterans Services sponsors special projects for Idaho's veterans:

★ **Operation Recognition**—This is a national program that awards high school diplomas to World War II veterans who left high school to join the war effort.

★ **French Legion of Honor**—An ambassador from France awarded the French Legion of Honor to Idaho's World War I veteran, Harry Robinowitz at age 104.

★ **Veterans Cemetery**—A Veterans Cemetery is in the initial stages of construction in Idaho.

★ **French Certificates of World War II**—Veterans Homes are identifying their World War II veterans who served in France. Certificates were awarded in conjunction with 2001 Veterans Day programs.

★ **Korean War Service Medals**—Korean veterans are awarded Korean War Service medals by the Korean government during annual recognition ceremonies.

"IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT VETERANS HOMES WERE FILLED WITH VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I, II, KOREA, AND EVEN VIETNAM. THE HOMES NO LONGER CARE FOR WORLD WAR I. TODAY, WORLD WAR II VETERANS MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF OUR CENSUS."

—Tina Basel, Management Assistant
Idaho Division of Veterans Affairs

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

Idaho's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver allows more choices for adults who are elderly or physically disabled. After identifying unmet needs, eligible Medicaid consumers are able to choose services that will allow them to stay in their own homes or communities. Some of the services available through the waiver include assisted transportation, assisted housekeeping, nursing services,

safety companions, adult daycare, home delivered meals, in-home respite, and specialized equipment.

As of June 2001, there have been 545 potential diversions from nursing facilities onto the waiver. This represents 545 Idahoans who were able to make decisions about where they live, maintain self-sufficiency, individuality, dignity, and community integration.



Resources and Index

“THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN HOW WE
START OUR CHILDREN ON THE PATH OF LIFE,
AND THE QUALITY OF ALL OUR LIVES.”

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne
State of the State Address, 1999





Idaho CareLine

The Idaho CareLine provides Idaho citizens with a statewide toll-free, bilingual telephone line that connects them to the health and human services they need. The Idaho CareLine finds help for callers from among the thousands of agencies, support groups and programs available across the state.

Provided through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Family and Community Services, the CareLine is the only statewide information and referral service operating in Idaho.

★ The CareLine uses an extensive database of more than 3,900 health and human service providers to support the information and referral activities. The CareLine links people to providers of services such as prenatal care, immunizations, adolescent pregnancy prevention, child development information, services for the elderly, and more.

★ The CareLine has served as the "central directory" for Department of Health and Welfare programs since 1991. Over the years, it has expanded beyond federal mandates to include any service provided by the Department of Health and Welfare.

★ The CareLine provides information, referral and client assistance 10 hours per day, five days a week. An automated voice messaging system takes calls after operating business hours and on weekends. Calls are returned immediately upon staff arrival the next business day.

★ The CareLine has a customer service representative position that is designated as bilingual. All other CareLine staff have the capability of accessing translation for more than 140 languages.

★ The CareLine experienced a 109 percent increase in calls between 1998 and 2000.

★ In 2001, the CareLine averaged 2,462 calls per month.



'211 IDAHO'

The Junior League of Boise developed "211 Idaho" as a single telephone source of information for community-based health and human services. Mountain States Group, Inc., Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, and the United Way of Treasure Valley joined with the Junior League to implement the 211 Idaho project.

Because the Idaho CareLine and 211 share common issues and key goals, a working relationship is being developed. The goal of a CareLine and 211 collaboration would be to achieve greater efficiency and a more comprehensive health and human service information referral system for Idaho.





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It would be impossible to report on all activities in Idaho that support children and family initiatives. This booklet provides a broad picture of accomplishments taking place in Idaho since Governor Kempthorne declared the "Generation of the Child."

To learn more about Idaho's "Generation of the Child" visit www2.state.id.us/FirstLady/council.html, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children web site. To receive the Council's E-Newsletter or to submit information about family and children services and programs in Idaho, contact gcc@hornsales.com.



Office of the Governor

"IF YOU SEEK THE PROMISE OF A BRIGHT
FUTURE, LOOK INTO THE EYES OF A CHILD."

—Governor Dirk Kempthorne

